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HMS "SHEFFIELD" SENT TO BELIZE "Irresponsible Elements" May Attack British Honduras Sequel To Fuss Over Falkland Islands

London, Feb. 26.
H.M.S. "Sheffield" has been ordered to Belize (British Honduras), a Foreign Office spokesman said today. The cruiser was ordered there while she was paying a courtesy visit to Cartagena, Colombia.

"We believe there is the possibility of an incident by irresponsible elements operating from Guatemalan territory," the spokesman said.

He made it clear, however, that the British Government expected such "irresponsible elements" to act and not the Guatemalan Government.

The spokesman said the excitement was caused by the recent violent Guatemalan press attacks renewing the claims of Guatemala to Belize. This press campaign, the spokesman added, may be an encouragement to irresponsible elements to act. Thus it became necessary to dispatch "Sheffield."

The press campaign was launched in connection with Chilean and Argentine activities in the Antarctic about which the Guatemalan press expressed a most demonstrative satisfaction.

Anxiety that Guatemala may renew her Belize claim in a way which might call for British naval action had been expressed repeatedly by British newspapers during the past few days but only today it was disclosed officially that the situation had become tense on the "British Honduras front."

The spokesman made it clear that the dispatch of "Sheffield" was a preventive measure calculated to discourage an outbreak of disorders. According to official reports, no actual incidents have occurred so far.

Sarcasm

Mr. W.J. Brown, (Independent), M.P. writing in the "Evening Standard," said the "blast from Argentina" almost anticipated the Honduras trouble.

He commented ironically: "From now on we had better keep an eye on Monaco. It may be tempted to seize Malta."

Mr. Brown, denouncing British naval weakness, added: "We sent a couple of wooden sloops and a small cruiser from South Africa with instructions 'Be firm but do not fight.' How are they expected to cope with the Argentine Navy?"—United Press.

Mr. Bevin

London, Feb. 26.
Argentina has told Britain that the Argentine vessels around Deception Island, had no intention of asserting any right or taking possession of any territory. They were merely there to carry out routine exercises.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who gave this fact to the House of Commons today, insisted on the rival claims in

DUTIES TO GO

London, Feb. 26.
Eire's new Cabinet had decided to abolish the increased duties on beer, tobacco and entertainment, imposed in Mr. De Valera's autumn austerity budget.

A pint of beer will drop from 1/2d to 11d, 20 Cigarettes from 2/- to 1/8d (tobacco, 5d per ounce less).—Reuter.

Hong Kong Doesn't Mind If It Does!

Hong Kong's capacity for liquor and tobacco as revealed in returns for 1947 has inspired some monumental calculations with results as astronomical as current quotations for Chinese national dollars.

If all the cigarettes paying duty in 1947 were placed end to end they would stretch for 48,815 miles, or about twice round the earth.

The total, 1,874,880,400, weighed about 1,535 tons. If it all at the same time this collection of cigarettes had been calculated to obliterate the Peak more effectively than the worst fog.

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Macao To Cooperate

Shanghai, Feb. 26.
Disclosure that the Macao Government had agreed to conclude an anti-smuggling agreement with the Chinese Government and that negotiations were under way for such a pact was made by Ting Kwei-tung, deputy Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, on his return here yesterday from a six months inspection tour of customs posts.—Reuter.

False Report Led To Loss Of "Pr. Of Wales" "Repulse"

London, Feb. 26.
A false report of Japanese landings at Kuantan on Malaya's east coast led to the most disastrous naval defeat of World War II—the loss of the new battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse.

Both ships, pounded by high-level bombers and blasted by torpedoes from low-flying aircraft, capsized and sank within the space of 1½ hours on Dec. 10, 1941.

Sinking of Repulse cost 27 officers and 486 men while 49 officers and 754 men survived. Casualties on Prince of Wales were not disclosed.

The vivid narrative of the last operation of these big ships in defence of the Malayan Peninsula was told today in Admiralty despatches published as a supplement to the London Gazette.

This is the Admiralty's story of the Taak Force Z—Prince of Wales and Repulse and four destroyers.

The force left Singapore in the late afternoon of Dec. 8 steaming north to attack Japanese landings between Singapore and Patani in Siam but the force was sighted by Japanese naval reconnaissance and the attack was abandoned.

The Japanese planned the Malayan-Singapore operation with meticulous attention to detail. The striking force included well-drilling groups, water-purification platoons and sanitation companies to attend to horses, which helped to drag huge guns into emplacements from which they lobbed shells along the length of the Malayan peninsula and into Singapore island.

In their nine-week thrust on the Malayan peninsula, the Japanese employed the 25th Army, commanded by Lieutenant-General Tomoyuki Yamashita, whose Chief of Staff was Lieutenant-General Sasaki. Yamashita was dubbed "Tiger of Malaya." He surrendered in the Philippines and was executed for war crimes.

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Malaya's Damage Claims

LONDON, FEB. 25.
WAR DAMAGE PAYMENTS IN MALAYA WERE REFERRED TO AT QUESTION TIME IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY WHEN MR. LEONARD GAMMANS, CONSERVATIVE, ASKED IF A DECISION HAD YET BEEN REACHED ON COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS LOST DURING THE OCCUPATION OF MALAYA BY THE JAPANESE.

Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied: "The Malayan War Damage Claims Commissioner is at present in this country for discussions with departments concerned."

"It will be necessary for the Malayan Government to consider the outcome of these discussions in the light of the general financial position before a statement can be made of the basis on which any compensation for war damage can be paid."—Reuter.

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Maltby said one expensive item in the Malaya-Sumatra-Java fighting was ignorance of the fact that the Japanese Army Air Force was highly efficient. The Japanese Navy Air Force was considered inferior, but Allied intelligence was poor on the army side of the picture.

In addition, the Allies did not realize that the prime Japanese fighter plane early in the war was the Zero, an aircraft which "proved superior to our own fighters."

This lack of technical knowledge of Japanese aeroplanes, which continued "up to the outbreak of the war," was destined to have far-reaching consequences in Malaya, the Air Vice-Marshal wrote.

Bad Intelligence
"This wrong assessment of their army units," he continued, "was partly due to the fact that the system of collecting intelligence throughout the Far East gave incomplete information, and the reliability of most of this was far from high."

Maltby said the Japanese had not only superior equipment

WHY DR. BENES GAVE WAY

Prague, Feb. 26.
The Czechoslovak President, Dr. Benes, accepted Communist Premier Gottwald's Cabinet demands under duress because he wanted to avoid bloodshed. He was muzzled from appealing to the people by Communist control of the press and radio.

A high official who saw Dr. Benes yesterday and made the disclosure to the United Press today said he thought that the President would remain quiet another day and when would make some statement or take some action to disprove the world impression that he consented freely to a compromise solution.

The official said resignation or flight from the country were only two of the many alternatives that action by Dr. Benes might take. Another possibility is that he might make his influence felt among the voters and attempt to reverse the Communist victory in the elections on the chance that voting would be comparatively free.

Other evidence which supported this informant's statement were:

1. A student delegation which called on the President's Chief of Cabinet, Dr. Smutny, said Smutny told them Dr. Benes submitted to Gottwald's demands "out of fear of bloodshed." Members of the delegation told the United Press that Smutny was crying when he told them they could not be received by the President.

2. Gottwald's announcing of the new Cabinet at the mass meeting at Wenceslas Square complained that it took the President a long time to make up his mind and "it wasn't an easy decision for him to make."

United Press.

Michael Visit To U.S.
Washington, Feb. 25.
Ex-King Michael of Rumania and his mother will shortly visit the United States, the State Department said today. The visit would be "entirely unofficial," the statement added.—Reuter.

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The lad suffered severe injuries and was rushed to Kowloon Hospital by the R.A.F. car.

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The Weather

General situation—A ridge of high pressure extends south-east from south Manchuria. A low pressure system dominates China and Siam. A rapidly intensifying depression over Hokkaido is moving north-east.

Forecast—Moderate east winds, weather cloudy with early morning mist or drizzle. Warmer.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 70.5 deg. F. Min. 50.5 deg. F. Rainfall 4.7 inches. Total since Jan. 1—58.9 inches. 41 inches as against an average of 12.8 inches.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Bar. at sea level 30.025, 30.015 inches.
Bar. at 100 ft. 29.9, 29.8 inches.
Rel. Humidity 87, 77%
Dew Point 66, 61 deg. F.
Wind Direction N, N
Wind Force 14, 17 knots.

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POLICE DRIVER CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Variety At The China Fleet Club

The servicemen in Hong Kong have greatly missed the entertainment provided by Combined Services Entertainment, whose activities have been curtailed in the Far East by the need for economy.

Necessity was ever the mother of invention, variety programme at the China Fleet Club Theatre. The programme commences at 8.00 p.m. and is likely to last for two hours. All members of the service in the Colony, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, are invited to attend.

News has also been received that a C.S.E. Show, probably the last to visit the Colony, will arrive in the "Dixie" on March 5. The show is entitled "It's a date with the Gibson Sisters and Buddy", introducing Vico Wilson. The show is scheduled to play at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11. Outgoing units will probably see this company on March 8, 9 and 12.

TIME LIMIT EXTENDED

The public were informed in a press notice issued in October 1947 that the Chinese Government had fixed Dec. 31, 1947, as the time limit for the submission of claims by allied companies and individuals to property in China, which was under Japanese or Puppet control during the War.

The Chinese Government has now extended the time limit for six months until June 30, 1948.

Claims supported by documentary evidence should be submitted to the Alien Property Liquidation Department of the Central Trust of China at Shanghai.

Owing to repairs being necessary, Stanley Police Station has temporarily been removed, until further notice, to the Godown on the seaward side of Stanley Village Road, opposite St. Stephen's College.

The tragedy at Queen Victoria Street on Dec. 22, 1947, when a 13-year old Chinese girl was killed and several other persons injured when the verandah of 82 Des Voeux Road Central collapsed after an E.U. vehicle allegedly collided with a pillar, had its sequel at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the trial of Ricardo Santos, on a charge of manslaughter, commenced before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

The case for the Crown is being conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Traffic Inspector W. Ezgleston.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Sidney Ng Qulin of Messrs. Brutton & Co., is appearing for Santos.

After Mr. Lonsdale had opened for the Crown, the first witness for the prosecution called was Dr. D. W. Gould, who said that he performed a post-mortem on the body of a Chinese girl, Wong Sau-keng, aged about 13 years. The body was covered with dust and grit. There were bruises on the forehead and face. Small abrasions also appeared elsewhere. Death was consistent with asphyxia.

The next witness, Dr. E. L. Cowan, said that he saw the body of the girl at the Queen Mary Hospital. The latter was in an excitable condition, his speech was slightly incoherent and his breath smelt of alcohol. The pupils of his eyes were also dilated. Accused appeared to be shocked.

Cross-examined, Dr. Cowan said that the deceased state of accused might have caused amnesia. The amnesia would have been from the time of the shock and should have lasted only for a short while. He should have been able to remember events up to the time of the shock.

Leung Wai-yung, mother of the deceased, testified to having identified the body of her daughter at the Mortuary.

Beer

PCC Wally Teng said that at about noon on Dec. 22, 1947, he saw Santos in the Canteen drinking beer. Santos drank two cups of beer, which was the equivalent of one small bottle.

Answering Mr. Bernacchi Teng denied offering beer to Santos. When he entered the Canteen, there were already two bottles of beer before Santos. Three further bottles were ordered. At the time witness left the Canteen, the beer had all been consumed.

PCC Walter Marr also gave evidence as to having seen

Santos in the Canteen

Sgt. C. J. de Souza said that between 1 and 2 p.m. on Dec. 22, he handed a duty slip to PCC Pereira, who was detailed for duty at the General Post Office at 2 p.m. He gave no permission for anyone to take any vehicle from the Police Compound.

In answer to Mr. Bernacchi Souza asserted that he did not know that constables often asked to be given a lift to their points of duty.

"Excited"

SUB-Inspector Frank Penfold said that he was in charge of the Emergency Unit at Central on Dec. 22, 1947. At about 12.50 p.m. he called for a driver to take a small van to the Queen Mary Hospital. Santos came out from the Reserve Room and volunteered to drive. Witness said that he declined the offer and told Santos that he did not want an accident with the E. U. vehicle. Santos appeared to be excited. If he had appeared normal, witness would have allowed him to drive the van.

Uniformed Police Officers were not allowed to drive the large E. U. vehicle.

Penfold said that he did not give any instructions to anybody to drive the large vehicle. There were two E. U. vehicles at Central at that time. The large one was provided with a searchlight and loudspeaker. There were three civilian drivers and four uniformed drivers at Central, the latter only being allowed to drive the small van.

Under cross-examination, Penfold declared that there was always one civilian driver on duty. He did not notice any on the day of the accident.

No Licence

Witness said that he was not aware that Santos was in possession of a licence to drive all Police vehicles. He knew that the men were taught by Inspector Reynolds to drive a three-ton lorry and that they took their tests in that type of lorry. There was nothing laid down to the effect that Santos could not drive the large E. U. vehicle.

PCC F. de F. Pereira said that he was on reserve at Central Police Station on Dec. 22, 1947. At about 1.45 p.m. he was sent for by Sgt. Souza, who gave him orders to report for duty at the General Post Office. No time was mentioned. Pereira said that he usually walked to his point of duty.

Santos, who had apparently overheard Sgt. Souza giving instructions, offered to give witness a lift. As the vehicle which Santos was driving began to proceed down the ramp, the rear wheel struck some object and the vehicle tilted to one side. Pereira said that immediately on his feeling the shock, he jumped out.

He was asked by Souza to go after the vehicle, which had proceeded down the ramp. On reaching the foot of the hill, he could no longer see the vehicle, which had turned towards the right.

Seemed Normal

Replying to Mr. Bernacchi, Pereira said that when Santos offered to give him a lift, the latter, appeared normal. The conversation which he, witness, had with Souza was at the top of the hill. Souza did not question him as to why he had not gone on duty, but did say that the vehicle was not authorised to go out.

Pereira said that he did not ask for a lift. On many occasions, drivers would take E. U. men to their posts. Sometimes they would run down on special trips to take a man on duty, with permission of the Inspector or Sergeant.

Hearing was adjourned till 9.45 a.m. today when the Court and jury will visit the scene of the accident and will traverse the route taken by Santos while driving the E. U. vehicle.

It is the intention of the Urban Council to exhume the remains of the deceased persons buried in graves and reinter them in the new cemetery at Diamond Hill and to re-bury them in a new cemetery at Diamond Hill.

Before The Footlights

Cheerful news comes from the Stage Club and the European "Y" ADC who, between them will have three shows running between early March and late April.

The first will be the Ian Hay-Stephen King Hall comedy "The Middle Watch." This has all the qualifications of a good comedy. It contains a definite story told in humorous lines which laugh all way to prove that love conquers over all and this time, the British Navy!

Nan and Jim Mordie all two of the five star roles sharing with Joan Harmon-Fisher, Alice Bolton and Arnold Graham. Bob Leigh as Marine Ogg is an excellent choice. Phyllis Kirby, a baby star in the old days of the "Y" Pantomimes, should not and the footlights strange. Completing the cast are: Freddie Clemon, Peter Pacific, Audrey Lovegreen, Harry Moody and others.

"Whodunit"

On the production floor of the Stage Club is being assembled J. B. Priestley's intellectual thriller, "Dangerous Corner" with Clifford Davies as the maestro. The drama possesses a fascinating appeal with its typically Priestley technique in the treatment of the "whodunit" suspense. The cast promises much with Reinaldo Oblitas and Phillipa Cumber in the leads, with supports by Sylvia Small, Dorothy Revie (her first "big part"), Margaret Oblitas (yet unseen) and Peter Gregory among others. The curtain rises on the first performance around Easter.

Yet in the paper stage, J. Hartley Manners' "Peg 'O' My Heart" is the "Y" ADC's next venture which is expected with the first air of Spring.

Moore Terry equipped with the art learned in last summer's quelling one-act plays should feel confident in the difficult part of "Peg"—"Kimberley"

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Seven Years Hard For Robbing Hikers

"The crime with which you have been found guilty is a very serious one indeed. Crimes like this, where people set out on picnic parties and are attacked by robbers must be dealt with severely and stamped out."

These remarks were made yesterday by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), when he sentenced Chan, Wan, Kam-chi and Cheung Ping-kwong to seven years' hard labour and 15 strokes of the cane, respectively.

The accused, together with another not in custody, were found guilty by a jury on a charge of having robbed Miss Harman Maher, an 18-year-old Portuguese girl, of a wrist watch.

The incident took place on the morning of Nov. 23, 1947, when a party of three adults and four children were picnicking on the hillside near the Ming Yuen Reservoir.

At about 11.20 a.m. four Chinese males, who had been walking about in the neighbourhood, came up to the picnic



500 D.P. Chinese To Sail Today

Carrying over 500 displaced Chinese destined for Singapore and other points in Southeast Asia, the International Refugee Organisation's repatriation vessel s.s. "Hai Lee" will leave Hong Kong today en route from Foochow.

Today's departure of displaced Chinese brings the total number of repatriates from China to Singapore and Malaya to 16,000. With this latest movement, the majority will have been repatriated to their original homes. Only a few remain to be repatriated during next month; it was disclosed yesterday by Mr. T. D. Sherrard, Acting Director of PCIRO, Hong Kong Branch Office.

Forty displaced Chinese arrived from Canton yesterday to join the vessel which also brought to Hong Kong Mr. Edwin McDermott, an IRO official. He went to Foochow sometime ago to co-operate with the Foochow office of the IRO in arranging the present shipment and escorting the vessel to Hong Kong.

The 500-odd displaced persons have been carefully screened. On its way to Singapore, the vessel will stop at Hoihow to take on an additional 300 displaced Chinese there. Mr. John Fitz-Randolph, of the Canton Sub-Office of IRO, is already in Hoihow making the necessary arrangements. He will escort the vessel to Singapore.

Exhibition Of Painting

A private showing of artistic works and calligraphy by Mr. Kam-Shek Kan was given last evening in the lounge of the St. Francis Hotel in aid of the General Hospital of the Poor in Canton.

The exhibition, which from to-day will be open to the public until March 1 is made up of 100 paintings of outdoor scenes, and intricately worked scripts. Mr. Kan is well known in Chinese artistic circles as a painter and collector. He has travelled to most cities and towns of the country in this connection and has made a lifelong study of Chinese art and literature. All the works on view at the showing have been contributed by Mr. Kan with a view to collecting funds for the hospital.

The Belgian Government have agreed in principle to extend to British subjects, who suffered loss or damage to property in Belgium, the benefits accruing to Belgians under Belgian legislation governing compensation for war damage. Residents in Hong Kong who wish to register claims are asked to notify the Colonial Secretary as soon as possible who will advise them on the procedure to be followed.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Henry Bollerond, Merchant, Foreign Y.M.C.A. to Miss Helen Skvorov, 25 Kadorie Avenue, has been announced.

Personalia

Arrivals at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday included Mr. P. P. Yammonton and Mr. W. J. Jöngheel. Departures included M/Sgt. S. Austeran and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Duncan.

Departures from the Hong Kong Hotel included Mr. A. H. Belding.

Arrivals at the Repulse Bay Hotel yesterday included Capt. B. E. Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cochran, Mrs. H. A. Master, Mrs. T. D. MacElroy Jr., Mrs. J. U. Sicken, Mrs. B. Oliver, Col. and Mrs. A. J. K. Malone, Mrs. A. E. Lanning and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Oosterger and daughter. Departures included Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Morgan, Miss Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Rogers.

Latest arrivals from Singapore by BOAC flying-boat are Brigadier Dittmas, Brigadier C. Campbell, Commander R. A. Kilroy, Major S. Makkimim, Capt. C. Sheridan, Messrs. Le Man-hing, Ng Sin-teck, P. Campbell, Tan Ek-khoo, P. R. Anlis, Poor Hoen-kong, Lim Kim-chiu, Chao Kwang-mao, Mrs. Ng Sin-teck, Mrs. Tan Ek-khoo and Miss Tan Ek-khoo.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Scriven, Mrs. V. G. Fox, Mrs. V. Dover-Jones, R. E. Knight and R. E. Knight and T. A. S. Hardis.

Peninsula departures:—A. J. Lambert, S. S. Pace, D. E. Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. N. Boucherech, Col. and Mrs. R. F. C. Vance, B. E. Tingle, J. E. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kroll, H. Boller, R. B. Moon, Donald J. King, and Mrs. A. F. Rundell.

Landing at Kai Tak at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, a Vatican-chartered Belgian Lockheed transport plane carrying eight Belgian missionaries, left the Colony yesterday morning for Shanghai, its original destination.

Forced to land at Kuning last Sunday owing to a shortage of petrol, the plane was detained by the Chinese air authorities until Wednesday when it was allowed to leave on instructions from Nanking.

While landing at Kunming, the aircraft's under-carriage was slightly damaged but was repaired during its detention there.

Among passengers arriving in the Colony on Wednesday by CPA from Rangoon and Bangkok were Mr. C. D. Britto, from Manila; Messrs. Francisco Way, Jose Chong Lu, Wong Law and An Fung; from Bangkok, Messrs. Chan Bark Deng and Mrs. Franklin; from Singapore en route to Manila, Mr. E. J. Johnson and Miss Martin Dale.

"Y's" MEN'S CLUB MEETING

A year of satisfactory progress, marked by an increase of membership and regular meetings, was reported at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Y's Men's Club, held on the premises of the Chinese Catholic Club yesterday evening.

The outgoing President, Mr. H. S. Yung, will on the social service side they had established two Girls Club (one in Hong Kong and one in Kowloon) which had proved to be very popular.

The following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—District Governor: Mr. Ho Shing-ke, President: Mr. Lam Chik-sun, Vice-President: Dr. T. Y. Li, 2nd Vice-President: Mr. W. W. Hsu, Hon. Treasurer: W. Y. Wei, Hon. Secretary: Y. P. Wai, Directors: Messrs. Wong Kam-ying, W. Weinberger, Frank Kwok, Y. O. Lee, Albert Tye and K. S. Fung (ex officio).

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	Wolseley 14 h.p.		
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Committed to the next Criminal Session by Mr. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday were Ip Yee, 32, Wan Ming, 26 and Wan Kwai-to, 35, all of no fixed abode, when they appeared charged with conspiracy to rob and possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

All defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

C. I. D. G. McPherson said that on Jan. 26, acting on information, he led a party of detectives to No. 4 Leighton Hill Road.

The three defendants approached the house with the first and second defendants carrying vegetables.

First defendant dashed up the stairs chased by Inspector McPherson and when he reached the second floor landing this defendant was already in the custody of the police.

First defendant was alleged to have dropped the vegetables and a loaded revolver on the 2nd floor landing.

Second and third defendants were arrested as they entered the building.

The Guest Speaker at the meeting of the I. O. O. F. this evening will be K. Baker, Esq. and his subject "Labour Problems of Hong Kong". The I. O. O. F. will meet at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong at 8.30 and this evening's meeting is one of a series of various aspects of life in Hong Kong. An invitation is extended to all interested.

Manila, Feb. 26. A Philippine Air Force C-47 crashed after taking off at Lipa air base in Batangas Province yesterday, killing three of the six men aboard and seriously injuring two. One escaped with minor injuries.—United Press.

A confiscation order for \$13,900 worth of peso gold coins and estimating of \$50 bail was made by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday, when Ng Mei-hai, 34, married woman, charged with illegally importing gold, failed to appear in court.

Ng, arrested by a Chinese female Revenue Officer at the KCR Station at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, had tied around her 997 1-peso gold coins and three 50-peso gold pieces.

Two other confiscation orders for C\$39,000,000 & C\$900,000 were also made by Mr. Latimer when Lee Wing-lin, 30, merchant and a stranger in the colony, of the Lue Kwok Hotel, Gloucester Road, and Wong Yan-wing, 37, tailor of Hankow, appeared in Court charged with breach of Defence Finance Regulations.

CNC\$39,000,000

Lee had CNC\$39,000,000 hidden in a false bottom in a bag and \$5,000,000, the amount permitted, on his person. When asked by the Revenue Officer at Kai Tak Airport, during a routine search on Feb. 25, Lee told he had nothing to declare.

Wong, who said he came down here with three friends for a sight-seeing tour, told the Court that he acted as "treasurer" for his friends and kept all their money together on him. He had them in his four pockets and there was no attempt to hide the notes, as he did not know it was illegal to bring notes into Hong Kong.

RO D. Knox said he spoke to defendant in Mandarin at the I. & E. Kowloon Office and defendant did not tell him about what he had said in court.

"Afraid"

Mr. Latimer remarked: "Perhaps he was afraid. You know, how they regard the officials in China."

To verify defendant's statement in the box, Mr. Latimer called in his friends and executed a "mathematical experiment". The sums claimed by each witness were added up and the excess carried by defendant was confiscated. The three witnesses claimed altogether C\$10,000,000, which left \$5,900,000 as belonging to Wong, making an excess of \$900,000.

The confiscated notes were handed over to the I. & E. for transfer to the Bank of China.

Alleged "Third," Degree

An allegation that he was so badly beaten up by the police while being interrogated that he became unconscious was made by Heung Kau, 19, of no fixed abode, at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Heung was charged with larceny from the person and an alternative charge of receiving. The first charge was dismissed but a conviction registered on the charge of receiving and Heung was sentenced by Mr. F.X. d'Almada to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Charged together with Heung was Wong Wu, 18, who, through lack of evidence, was discharged.

S.I. Coles said that on the evening of Feb. 23, Sydney Slade, an American, was in the New York Cafe. When he returned to the Seamen's Institute he discovered that he had lost a set of Parker 51 fountain pen and pencil, valued at US\$150.

He immediately made a report to the police and from investigations by a Chinese detective, the pen was later traced to No. 67 Lockhart Road 2nd floor, where defendant was arrested.

A third man who attempted to escape by climbing down the drain pipe, fell and suffered a broken back. He was now in hospital.

"Tore The P.C.'s Tunic"

For obstructing the Police, assault and malicious damage, Kong King, 27-year-old married woman, was fined \$100 or three weeks by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Kong was conversing with prisoners in the remand cells and, when asked by a constable to move on, resisted. In the ensuing struggle she was said to have torn the constable's tunic.

Mr. d'Almada said he agreed with the Police that a serious view should be taken of this offence as it was flouting a lawful order—a thing which they would not have dared during the Japanese occupation. They would have been scared of their necks.

Another opium divan-keeper, Cheung Lam, operating at 89, Queen's Road East, 2nd floor, was fined \$800 or four months. Twenty smokers found on the premises were each fined \$25, and four who failed to appear had their bail of \$30 each forfeited.

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Chan Hok-ming (38) a Shanghai Chinese, was fined \$100 by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday, for attempting to smuggle 115 radio valves out of the Colony.

Revenue Officer Redman, prosecuting, told the Court that accused had the radio valves in the false bottom of a suitcase and also in a special girdle. He was apprehended as he was boarding the s.s. "Kwei Hol" for Canton at 10 p.m. on Feb. 25.

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Found Curious Hidden From Japs

An array of brass curios, some of them old pieces, was on display at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

They were dug up by workmen at 108 the Peak, in the course of repairs to the premises, and were apparently hidden in the ground by the pre-war occupants.

The occasion was the appearance before Mr. F.X. d'Almada of Lo Yuet (26) carpenter, and five odd-job earth-coolies on a charge of larceny by finding.

Det. Inspector Cochrane, prosecuting, told the Court that on Feb. 22, Lo Yuet was found in possession of some of the brass articles. He readily admitted where they came from, and took the Police to the other accused who likewise at once admitted they found them in the course of digging at 108 the Peak.

Inspector Cochrane said he was not pressing the charge as the men all bore fairly good character, and he thought a caution would suffice.

All the accused were discharged on their signing a bond of \$25 each to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

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Court Receiver's Accounts Challenged

Discrepancies in the accounts compiled by the Court Receiver, John T. C. Wong, auditor, witness for the Prosecution, were brought out by Wong Yan-wing, certified auditor, in his evidence for the defence, when the ninth hearing of the case against Leung Ngai-chi, headmaster of the Yeung Tak Middle School, and Leung Mong, employed at the school, was heard before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. Wong said that the accounts were "not compiled in the right principle and manner." He produced his own compilation, covering the period from the beginning of the school to the time when the accounts were turned over to the Court Receiver.

He arranged them in three stages and dealt with the preparatory stage which included all accounts from book records and information obtained from the first defendant.

In his evidence, witness pointed out some "arithmetical errors" in the Receiver's compilation.

First defendant, charged with conspiring with second defendant to falsify the accounts with intent to defraud Mau Kam-on, the co-proprietor of the school and additionally with six alleged larcenies of school funds, said under cross-examination by Defence Counsel, Mr. P.J. Griffiths, that he had \$3,000 when he started the school. He had only \$1,000 when the whole thing ended.

Defendant denied using any of the school's money for his personal use and added he did not know whether the school made a profit or loss.

Mr. Clifford, Crown Counsel, continuing his cross-examination for the fourth day, went into details of the school accounts yesterday.

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Case Against Mrs. Everett Withdrawn

Mrs. L. Everett, of Railway Terrace, Chatham Road, appeared at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with driving without due care and attention in Salisbury Road.

The Prosecuting Officer said that there were certain doubts with regard to the actual circumstances, and withdrew the charge.

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They said they now await a reply from India regarding the allocation of the spindles to three designated Japanese manufacturers.

Japan originally requested pig iron, but upon India's refusal, accepted the offer of coal instead. Officials added it will require approximately eleven months to manufacture and ship spindles to India.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday the 5th day of March, 1948, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 20th February to Friday the 5th March, 1948 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

A. MORSE, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th Feb., 1948.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 27th February, 1948, at 12.00 NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1947, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

And NOTICE is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to the 27th February, 1948, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD. General Managers

Hongkong, 6th February, 1948.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1948. C. E. TERRY, Manager & Secretary.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN EDMUND JUPP late of Messrs. J. D. Humphreys & Son, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an Order limiting the time, for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 25th March, 1948.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 24th day of February, 1948.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the thirty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hong Kong Bank Building, on Friday, the 19th March, 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 6th March, 1948 to the 19th March, 1948 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

25th February, 1948.

NOTICE

Marconi (China) Limited

It is hereby notified that the Powers of Attorney in respect of Messrs. Marconi (China) Limited issued to Douglas Campbell Hunter Mellon have been withdrawn as from 1st March 1948 and vested in William John Richards, Managing Director of Marconi (China) Limited.

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T. S. D. WHITLEY, Secretary, Urban Council. Hongkong, 25th Feb., 1948.

POLICE NOTICE

Owing to repairs being necessary, Stanley Police Station has temporarily been removed, until further notice, to the Godown on the seaward side of Stanley Village Road, opposite St. Stephen's College.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE 20th February, 1948.

NOTICE

The Belgian Government have agreed in principle to extend to British subjects, who suffered loss or damage to property in Belgium, the benefits accruing to Belgians under Belgian legislation governing compensation for war damage. Residents in Hong Kong who wish to register claims are asked to notify the Colonial Secretary as soon as possible who will advise them on the procedure to be followed.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that MR. C. K. YUAN has this date resigned from his post as Manager.

The Casual vacancy is hereby taken up by MR. THOMAS W. M. HO our Sub-Manager.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name

We, Cambay Prince Steamship Company Limited of No. 7 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership of the vessel, we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the British ship "Combar" of Hong Kong Registry Official No. 131,537 Gross tonnage 593.91 tons, Register tonnage 227.01 tons, formerly owned by Tjong Ann Steamship Company Limited of No. 22 Amoy Street, Singapore, for permission to change her name to "San David" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by the Cambay Prince Steamship Company Limited, Hong Kong.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Register of Shipping at Hong Kong within Seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong the 25th day of February 1948.

CAMBAY PRINCE STEAMSHIP CO. LTD. W. J. HANSEN, Director.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the meeting is postponed to Tuesday, 9th March 1948 at 5.30 p.m. at the Y. W. C. A. Rutton Building, Duddell Street.

Agenda:— To receive reports and accounts for the past year. To review and, if thought fit, revise the constitution and policy of the Association.

To elect officers. T. P. WU, Hon. Secretary.

Colonel Reynolds Off Today

Among officers leaving the Colony on the troopship "Devonshire" will be Lt. Col. M. C. D. L. Reynolds, O.B.E., GSO 1, HQ Land Forces. He is leaving the Colony to attend the Joint Services Staff College in England.

Lt. Col. Reynolds arrived in Hong Kong in June 1946, but this was not his first visit to the Far East as before the war he was Adjutant of the Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corps.

He is a familiar figure throughout the Colony both officially and for his keen and energetic interest in sport. As chairman of the Army Sports Board, Col. Reynolds has been responsible for many of the excellent facilities enjoyed by troops here, and has served the Colony for some time as a Vice-President of the Hong Football Association. He is also well known as a referee in Services boxing tournaments and has been a keen, if unlucky, competitor in Colony and Army tennis championship matches.

As Chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Reconstitution Committee he has been responsible for much of the planning and organisation upon which the Defence Corps of the future will be built.

Col. Reynolds' successor is to be Lt. Col. N. T. Alexander, O.B.E., who has been appointed but is not expected to arrive from England for some little time.

Rationing In S'hai

Shanghai, Feb. 26. The new rationing scheme is expected to become operative early in March or April, according to a Ministry of Food statement last night.

The scale of rations will apply to all persons regardless of age or sex in five of the major cities in the country. The prices for rationed goods will be revised monthly, according to the ruling prices in each district.

The rationing programme will be administered in each city by the Mayor, representatives of the Ministry of Food and the Executive Yuan Committee for the disposal of American relief supplies.

The Government stipulated that representatives of the United States Government China Relief Group will be allowed to investigate the sale of relief supplies to China any time they wish.—Reuter.

GUARDSMEN EVICTED

London, Feb. 26. The Windsor County Court has granted the War Office possession of married quarters in the barracks at Windsor from four men, now demobilised from the Guards.

It was stated that the accommodation was urgently needed for the families of serving soldiers coming back from Palestine. All defendants agreed that they were not entitled to stay on in barracks after demobilisation. In each case, an order for possession in 28 days was given.—Reuter.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 28th February, 1948.

The First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whitsun Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts, etc. Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are order in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27518).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES. Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER, S. A. Sleep, Actg. Secretary.

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"A NEW PEARL HARBOUR" Startling Charge By A State Governor Communist Agents In Hawaii

Quincy, Mass., Feb. 26.
Lieut.-Governor Arthur W. Coolidge of Massachusetts said today that Russian agents are infiltrating into Hawaii to plot a "new surprise attack on Pearl Harbour as devastating as the 1941 blow delivered by the Japanese."

Coolidge said he based his charge on "documentary evidence received from Governor Ingram M. Stainback of Hawaii." He said the evidence was a "set of instructions issued by the Communist Party to its agents" in Hawaii.

In Honolulu, Stainback made public a letter and other documents he sent to Coolidge but refused to comment on the Massachusetts politician's statement. Stainback said the materials were sent at Coolidge's request.

Stainback's letter said, "Communism has made great headway in territory, particularly in our labour organizations. The International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which controls labour in the production of sugar and pineapple and the Marine transportation system, are dominated by the Communists."

Coolidge told a state meeting of the American Veterans of World War

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THING!—YOU'LL
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CLASH IN MARSEILLES

Marseilles, Feb. 25.
A woman was injured and
six persons arrested after a
clash here tonight between
police and 1,000 strikers
from the petrol refineries.

The police intervened
when the strikers, now idle
for three days, held a
public meeting despite an
official ban.

The workers are demand-
ing more pay.—Reuter.

Mr. Bevin Annoyed

London, Feb. 25.
The Foreign Secretary,
Mr. Ernest Bevin, was
annoyed in the House of
Commons today with the
British Ambassador to
Japan, Sir Alvary Gas-
coigne.

When an Opposition Member,
Mr. William Teeling, who was
recently in Japan, urged that
the Ambassador should be kept
better informed of news affecting
Japan, Mr. Bevin declared with
some feeling: "The Ambassador
is employed by the Foreign
Office."

"I think he should have told
me. I will take it up with him
quite seriously why he should
complain to Members of Parlia-
ment before telling me he is in
difficulty."

Mr. Teeling said that in no
circumstances had the British
Embassy put the question for-
ward as a complaint.

While a British Parliament de-
legation, of which he was a
member, was in Tokyo, a most
important piece of information
appeared in the Chicago news-
papers, he said.

The British Embassy was quite
unable to obtain a copy whereas
the Supreme Commander, Allied
Powers, General Douglas Mac-
Arthur, had already received it
by wire from Washington.

Mr. Teeling suggested that
that sort of thing made it very
difficult sometimes for the Am-
bassador to carry out his func-
tions.—Reuter.

WAITING FOR THEIR TURN

London, Feb. 26.
Britain is still holding 76
German field marshals, gen-
erals and admirals as prisoners
of war, Secretary for War
Emanuel Shinwell told the
House of Commons today.

Replying to questions, Shin-
well said they will be repatriated
"when their turn come
around."—Associated Press.

CUSTOMS UNION FOR EUROPE?

Rome, Feb. 25.
Nine nations have begun talks
on a European customs union in
Rome today.

They are represented on the
Preparatory Committee of the
International Study Group set up
by the 16 "Marshall Plan" na-
tions at the Paris Conference
last year.—Reuter.

India To Have A President

New Delhi, Feb. 26.
India's Draft Constitu-
tion published today
leaves undecided the Do-
minion's future relation-
ship within the British
Commonwealth.

A footnote to the preamble
which begins: "We, the People
of India having solemnly re-
solved to constitute India into
a sovereign Democratic Re-
public," states that "The ques-
tion of relationship between
this Democratic Republic and
British Commonwealth of
Nations remains to be decided
subsequently."

The draft provides for a
President of India and a Vice-
President, each elected for five
years by an electoral College
of Members of both Houses of
Parliament and elected mem-
bers from the State legislature.
The President would be eligi-
ble for re-election only once
and would be helped by a
Council of Ministers.

The President would appoint
the Premier and other minis-
ters on his advice. A Parlia-
ment of two Houses known as
the Council of States and the
House of the People is propos-
ed, the Council with 250 mem-
bers, 15 nominated by the Pre-
sident and the remainder re-
presenting the States.

Election to the lower House
would be by adult suffrage
and all parliamentary business
would be conducted in Hindi or
English.

The Constitution promises
justice, social, economic and
political, liberty of thought,
expression, belief, faith and
worship and equality of status
and opportunity.

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bidden.

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sex discrimination is prohibi-
ted as also are forced labour
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HARBOUR TUNNEL DELAY

Under a programme doubtless dignified with the description Long Term Planning the scheme for constructing a cross-harbour tunnel is apparently to be postponed for at least twelve years. Which appears to mean that the buck is being passed to the heirs and successors of the present incumbents in office, and that a nice large pigeonhole has been selected for safe storage.

About this there is, of course, nothing which could be regarded as untypical. It is a long job and a heavy job and nobody particularly wants the handling of it. Whether that is altogether satisfactory, except maybe to the operating ferry companies, is quite another matter. Certainly it will not assure Mr. Citizen, who paid serious attention to the press interview given by His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham in Nanking last year, that there is any real intention by Government to proceed with this project however desirable, and however much it might justify, be regarded as warranting energetic pursuit.

That the scheme is practical and a sound economic proposition has been demonstrated by an offer by certain interests in the Colony to float a company and undertake the construction in return for a concession to collect the tolls for a period of years. That it is needed hardly calls for supporting evidence.

That there are difficulties—about siting, about guarantees that the materials will be available when required—must be recognised. The main obstacle, however, appears to be that the tunnel scheme is inevitably linked in the Government's mind with the resumption by the civil authorities of the site of the Royal Naval Dockyard, regarding which no date can be set, and about which there appears to be little optimism in official quarters.

For the tunnel advocates this has little meaning. On the contrary, it can reasonably be urged that the depth of pessimism should provide the degree of drive and initiative in search for an alternative routing of the tunnel which would leave the Naval Yard out of consideration.

There is, in fact, small excuse for postponement. The project is one which eventually will pay for itself: the factor of cost is hardly material. The preliminary work will take up time not to be calculated in anything less than years, and the actual construction would probably take two years.

These are things that should be looked into now, not twelve years hence.

Let's get on with it.

France's Fight

In the short period which has elapsed since the devaluation of the franc, prices in France have continued to rise. The hope with which devaluation in so contentious a form was effected was that the internal price-level would remain stable while France would get more for her exports.

Unhappily, attempts to get the best of both worlds are seldom successful: and the treatment of symptoms is no substitute for eradication of the causes of the disease. It is true that inflation in France did not start with devaluation, but it has continued even in commodities which, being home-produced, devaluation might not have affected.

Naturally alarmed by the rise in prices which, if unchecked, would sabotage their courageous attempts to induce national recovery, the French Government have produced a Bill to deal with another symptom.

They propose to fix prices and apply extremely severe penalties to those who charge more. The difficulty, as we all know, is to enforce draconian legislation of this kind, particularly at a time

FALL OF MALAYA

PERCIVAL DESPATCH ANALYSED

By Harold Guard

London, Feb. 26. The curtain dropped on the surrender scene in the tragedy of Singapore on February 15, 1942 was raised today by Lieut. Gen. Arthur Percival with the publication of his official despatches as an epitome intended to vindicate the traduced defenders of Malaya.

The despatches were first submitted in April 1940. They were referred to the governments of Australia and India, checked and re-checked by various Ministries concerned and the delay in their publication caused controversy in Parliament and the British press reminiscent of the inquest on Gallipoli after the First World War.

The Malaya Campaign, it would appear, has become the Gallipoli of the Second World War with Winston Churchill once more named as the nigger in the woodpile.

True Facts

"Since my return to England from Japanese captivity it has been my constant endeavour to ensure that, in fairness to those who fought in Malaya, the true facts of the story should be told. I gave up some of my leave to work on my despatch which was finished and handed in to the War Office in April 1946. Only with its publication will the clouds of my mystery, which have for so long shrouded the Malaya Campaign, be dispersed," Gen. Percival told me in December 1947.

The preparation of the despatch, he said, has been influenced by the fact that since the surrender of Singapore "a great deal of literature has appeared on the subject."

"Statements have been made and opinions expressed by writers, many of whom had but a cursory knowledge of Malayan conditions or of factors which influenced decisions.... In fairness to the officers and men who fought in Malaya I ask that those statements, many of them official statements made in this country, may now be corrected," he claims in his despatch.

Ponderous

This ponderous document of 100,000 words leaves no doubt that General Percival knew Malaya and its problems. The first section deals with the period prior to the outbreak of hostilities and all who have analyzed the despatch agree that his appreciation of the situation and his plan of action were beyond criticism. But he treats his subject gently, laying no great emphasis on the difficulties occasioned by the maladjustment of the governmental administrative ma-

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

The Clipper Schooner "Nymph," Captain Wilson, arrived from Woon-sung yesterday morning, having made an unprecedentedly quick voyage (the voyage which in speed comes next to that of the "Nymph" was the "Lapwing" of 17 days). She left this on the night of the 11th instant, and arrived at Woon-sung on the 15th, making the passage up in four days and a few hours. She performed the whole voyage in 15 days, remaining the necessary time at Woon-sung for the transaction of business.

Our American friends have much reason to be proud of the fact that Clipper American ships are now commanding freights to England 50 per cent above those which are given (with one exception) we believe to English vessels. In the smaller craft of Clipper vessels and in Ocean-going steamers, the Trans-Atlantic builders have not yet reached us; we must admit, however, they have gone ahead of us in the larger class of merchantmen.

John Bull is naturally slow; but now that he has taken off his shoulders the incubus of the Navigation Laws, and that he finds he has to compete with the energetic and go-ahead men of the West, and especially when he sees the profits which he has looked upon as peculiarly his own taken from him, he will not fail to arouse himself, and whenever he does so he is found hard to beat.

To Let:—The Bungalow, second east from the Union Chapel, now in the occupation of Captain Fisher, R.A.

when national discipline is far from being pre-eminent. If the new measure catches food speculators, as it may, that is all to the good; but it is to be feared that the real trouble in France is this kind, particularly at a time

Official despatches compiled by Lieut. Gen. A. E. Percival are intended as a challenge to the British War Cabinet's appraisal of the Malaya Campaign, which terminated with the surrender of Singapore on Feb. 15, 1942, condemning the Campaign as "one of the most spectacular disasters to befall British arms."

Harold Guard, who has first-hand knowledge of the Far Eastern War and who reported the Malaya Campaign from the first Japanese landing on December 8, 1941, until the fall of Singapore, herewith reviews the despatches in the light of his own experiences during the campaign.

China and the inter-service jealousies which must have contributed to the final chaos in Malaya.

Another section is devoted to a very detailed narrative of the land operations during the 70 days hostilities, but its precise, military parlance, typical of the scholarly soldier, does not convey the utter weariness and bewilderment of the defenders, gripped and battered, struggling against a powerful enemy holding complete mastery in the air and on the seas around Malaya. The interest and value of this narrative is also largely lost through the War Office declining to reproduce three sketch maps which General Percival had submitted.

No Aid

"The retreat from Mons and the retreat to Dunkirk have been hailed as epics. In the former our Army was able, with the aid of a powerful ally, to turn the tables on the enemy; in the latter our Army was evacuated by the Navy with the loss of all heavy equipment. Each of these retreats lasted approximately three weeks. The retreat in Malaya lasted ten weeks in far more trying conditions. There was no strong ally to help and no Navy to evacuate the force. It has been hailed as a disaster but perhaps the judgment of history will be that all the effort and money expended on the defence of Malaya and the sacrifice and subsequent suffering of those who fought in the Malaya Campaign were not in vain."

On the question of relative strengths the despatch only half-heartedly challenges the War Cabinet's appraisal as voiced by Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mr. Churchill is on record as having told a secret session of Parliament: "There were, according to War Office figures, about 100,000 men gathered on the Island of Singapore by the morning of February 8. On the night of February 8 about 5,000 Japanese made a lodgement on the northwest corner of the Island and were gradually reinforced from other points until perhaps 30,000 men had been landed."

General Percival's despatch claims that the Japanese employed a minimum of 150,000 men and 300 tanks in the Malaya Campaign and that "the total number of officers and men on the British side was a little over 125,000 though the strength in Malaya at any one time was considerably less than this."

An Estimate

Of the landing on Singapore Island General Percival said: "I estimate that there were at the cessation of hostilities a minimum of 100,000 Japanese on Singapore Island or in South Malaya. How many of these had actually crossed to the Island and how many were on the mainland is not known nor is it very material, but there is evidence to show that at least 25,000 crossed on the first day of the attack."

.....The total of British forces in the Singapore Fortress area at the same time was in the neighbourhood of 35,000, but probably only about 70,000 of these were armed and equipped.

"In official statements made in this country and published in the world press, figures very different from those have been given, in fairness to the officers and men who fought in Malaya I ask that these statements may now be corrected," General Percival claims.

The despatches explode the fallacy that the British Command did not anticipate an enemy attack from the North and that

Singapore defences were "all pointing the wrong way."

As far back as May 1938, Percival disclosed, Major Gen. W. G. S. Dobbie, who was G.O.C. Malaya at the time, reported to the War Office: "It is an attack from the northward that I regard as the greatest potential danger.... The jungle is not in most places impassable to infantry."

The tactical appreciation in 1941 was based on this conception and plans were made to occupy South Thailand to circumvent any enemy move in that direction. When hostilities commenced, however, operation of this carefully laid plan was repeatedly postponed, largely for political reasons, until it became too late to make it effective.

The despatches intimate that had this "Operation Matador" been carried out it might well have altered the course of the Malaya Campaign.

The main cause of the British defeat was the land forces having to bear "practically the whole weight of the Japanese attack with little air or naval support," the despatches claim with cold, factual figures which, Percival declares, demonstrate "the lack of readiness of our Empire for war."

Failure To Prepare

"Our shortage in light naval coastal craft and modern aircraft, lack of tanks and lack of training of most of our troops—especially the reinforcements—the lack of experience of modern war of some of our senior commanders and the weakness of our intelligence can be attributed to failure to prepare for war at the proper time," he records in his despatch.

But, throughout this ponderous document, the Malaya commander who led a losing side in the greatest encounter of a brilliant military career, makes no harsh or bitter recriminations and it can reasonably be observed that the lengthy, detailed document is notable chiefly for its omissions. The General has used velvet gloves in his treatment of references to the breakdown of civilian labour as a contributory cause to defeat. The eleven hours apathy of some sections of the Indian forces, who were undoubtedly influenced by Japanese propaganda is a subject only lightly touched and there is no effort to elucidate the situation in the Australians' northwest sector of Singapore Island where the Japanese effected their landing.

Confusion

General Percival limits his observations to: "There was much confusion and disorganization.... Groups of men becoming detached and lost in the close country. Some made their way back to Singapore Town. The action of these men must be judged in relation to existing conditions. They were not long service soldiers and discipline was not deep-rooted. They had volunteered for service and sent to Malaya to defend the Naval Base. The Naval Base was no longer of any use, but their homeland, Australia, was being threatened.... This is the true picture and should be judged on its merits."

Scrutiny of the despatch prompts the inescapable conclusion that the poor local intelligence and communications frequently prevented the Malaya Command from being kept fully informed of various developments. More than once General Percival even asserts he did not receive orders said to have been issued by the Supreme Commander Southwest Pacific, General Sir Archibald Wavell. There is scarcely any mention of fifth column activity and only scant reference to the disruption in many aspects of the civil administration and the descriptive account of the last days in Singapore is a sample of masterly understatement.

Too Much A Gentleman

The despatches, throughout, lack the brutal phraseology needed to emphasize the stark tragedy of Singapore and the final scene with the Japanese conqueror, General Tomoyuki Yamashita, rattling his Samurai sword and rasping his demand for unconditional surrender of some 60,000 British soldiers to which the tall, bony British General finally replied: "Yes." The despatches are, as General Percival claimed, a "simple straightforward account" and a valuable account, but, as one commentator observed, "Percival is too much of a gentleman."

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I understand today is your birthday, Perkins, and as a little token of esteem, I'm returning your lawnmower!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

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WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH?

It is all very well and good to assure the defeat of the opponent's doubled contract by cashing the trick that does it. Risking possible failure to beat the contract is obviously expensive. But when there is no question whatever about the certainty of beating it, the able defender should ordinarily go all-out in his effort to beat it as badly as possible. If postponing your own side's trick taking promises to increase the punishment without endangering the assurance of setting it, there is no point to being in a hurry.

S. A. 3
H. K. J. 10 4 2
D. A.
C. 10 8 6 5 2
S. K. 9 8
H. Q. 8
D. K. 5 4
C. A. K. J
S. J. 10 6 5 4
H. 6 3
D. Q. J 9 8
C. 7 3

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable).

North	East	South	West
1 H	Pass	1 S	1 NT
2 C	2 D	2 S	2 NT
3 S	3 NT	4 S	Pass
Pass	Dbl		

Pretty bad bidding, especially by South, a "bidding fool," and by his partner who in spite of knowing South's reputation should have considered his vulnerable opponents over their depth, which they were. They didn't have a chance to make the No Trump game. In the 4-Spades, South should have been punished much

worse than he was, but East was in too much of a hurry to set the contract at all.

The club K and A were scored and the 4 led, which East ruffed with the spade Q so he could immediately cash the setting trick with the heart A. Thereby he limited his side to taking only one more trick with the spade K, so that the set was of only two tricks.

East's hasty play of the heart A was worth plenty to South, as it set up all of the hearts in dummy, considering the marked finesse, while leaving the diamond A as a re-entry.

Having decided to ruff the third trick with his spade Q, East could have made much better use of his chance to lead. If he had returned a diamond to the A, and decided to hold his heart A until the second round, South never could have used his heart suit for diamond discards, and out the play from there on, and you will see how that would have complicated things for the declarer, putting him down at least one more than he actually was beaten.

Tomorrow's Problem.

S. K. 7 5
H. A. 10 5 2
D. J 2
C. A. Q 5 4
S. J. 9 8 4
H. K. J 8
D. K. 10
C. J. 10 8 2
S. A. Q. 10 6
H. 9
D. A. Q 5 4
C. K 6 3

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable).

If South gets into 6-Spades, East doubles and West leads the heart Q, how should South play for it?

General's Shoot From Hip Speech

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.

He will retire when Britain gives up her mandate on May 15, General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, announced in Jerusalem today.

General Cunningham told British residents in Jerusalem that what had been achieved by Britain in Palestine would stand and grow to the lasting benefit of the country.

He declared that but for "outside interference," Britain could have brought the Palestine problem to a happy end.

The High Commissioner said that he believed sincerely that the Palestine problem could have been solved by the British administration in the "Holy Land."

"We had behind us 25 years of solid achievement in Palestine," he said. "There is in this country a structure of extremely sound administration, but the millstone around our necks has always been security."

"What soldiers, what police, would have shown the tolerance and patience British soldiers and police have shown in the past two years?" Sir Alan asked.

Sir Alan said it had been stated in the past that trouble between the Arabs and the Jews had been due to the British wanting "to stay in the country." "That has now been utterly confounded," he declared.

"The problem has now come out for what it is—a bitter conflict between Arabs and Jews in which we have been trying to keep them apart and solve the problem."

General Cunningham, in what he called a "shoot from the hip" speech to the British residents of Jerusalem, referred to the morass of international immorality, self-interest and prejudice surrounding Britain, and added it was time to take stock as Britons.

"On the credit side, there is much more than on the debit side," he said. He concluded his speech by paying a tribute to the loyalty and help he had received from the administration during his two years, as High Commissioner of Palestine and told the British men and women present: "It is your duty to keep your memory alive!"—Reuter.

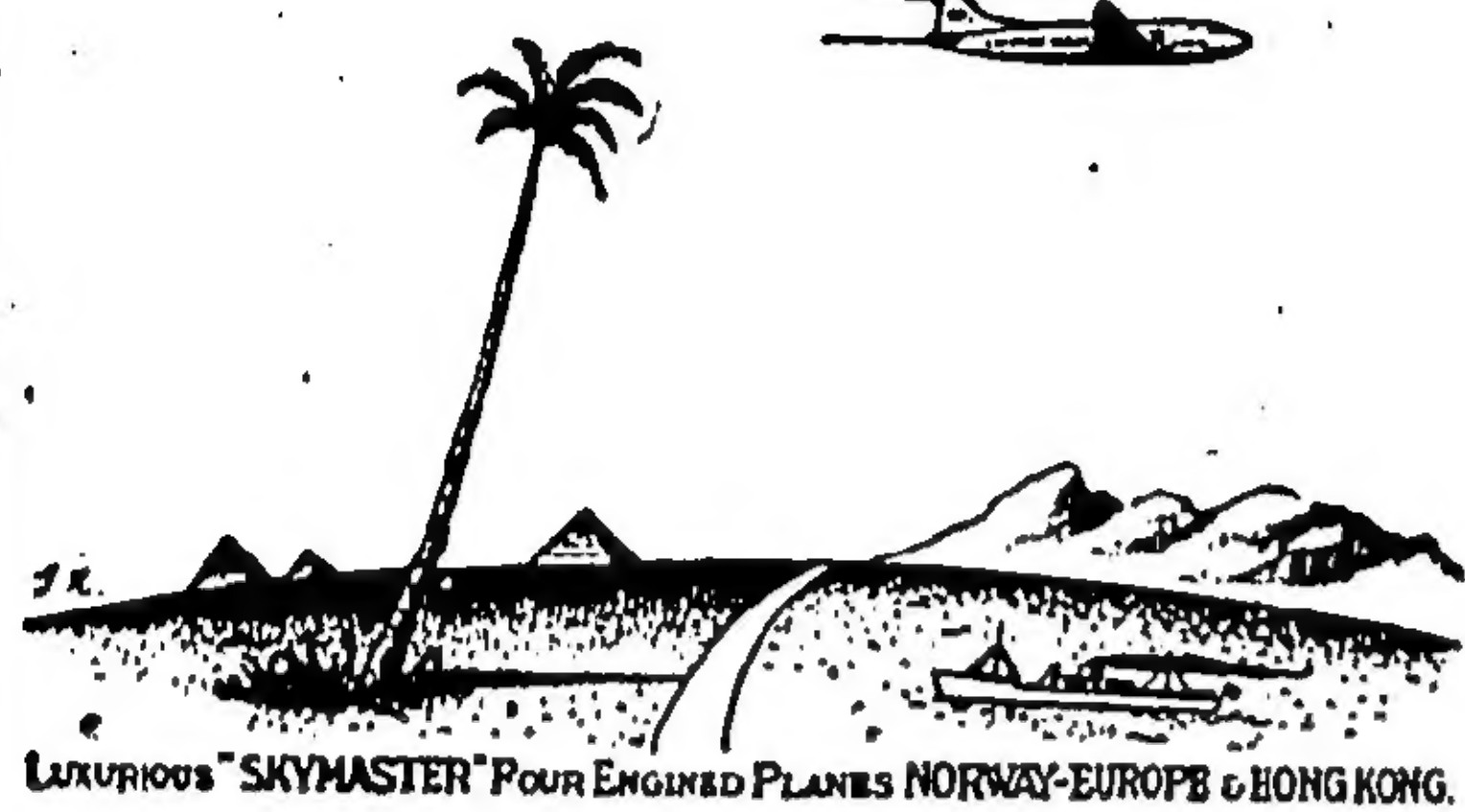
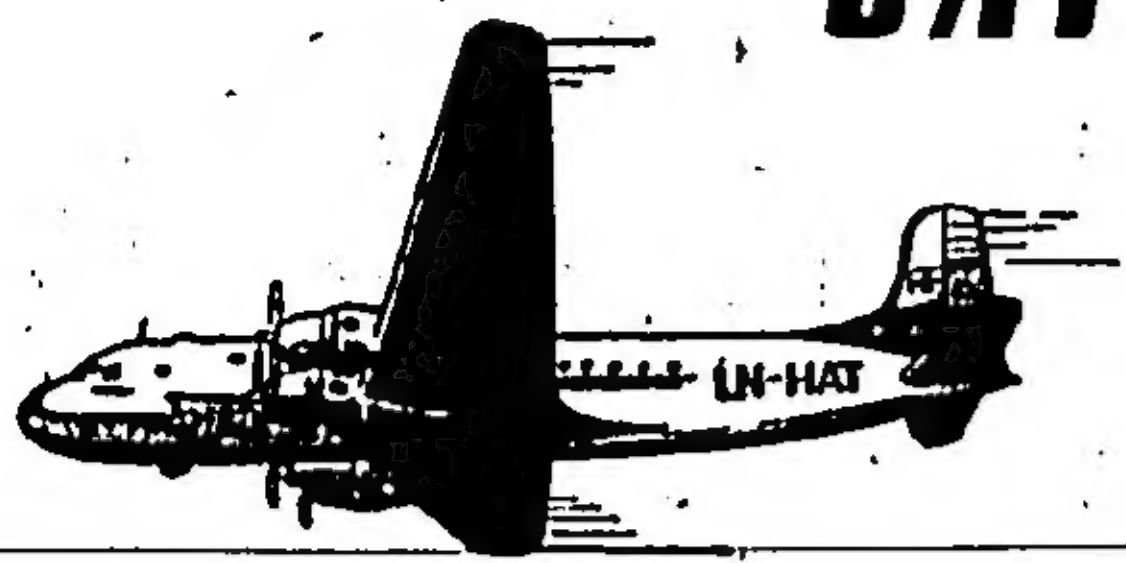
FALKENHAUSEN IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Feb. 26.

General Alexander von Falkenhäusen, wartime German Military Governor of Belgium and Northern France, was brought under escort from Namur to a Brussels prison today for trial as a war criminal.

The general was a witness at some of the Nuremberg trials. His own trial is expected to take place in November.—Reuter.

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THE PERCIVAL DESPATCHES

Plain Speaking By Malaya Commander "Too Much With Too Little"

London, Feb. 26.
Lt.-Gen. A. E. Percival reported tonight that he was forced to surrender Singapore in 1942, mainly because of weak British air and naval support against overpowering Japanese invaders. The day-by-day report of the bloody, 10-week battle made by the British Army commander in Malaya was published in the official London Gazette tonight, six years after the city's fall.

Percival acknowledged "glaring weaknesses" in arrangements for the defence of the Far Eastern bastion that was once thought invulnerable. Nevertheless, he said, the battle was won by Japanese superiority particularly in the air and on the sea. His 100,000-word despatch, written in 1946 after his release from a Japanese prison camp, is the latest official word on one of the most criticised campaigns of the Pacific war.

In it, he denies, by implication, widely published charges that two British military leaders were caught unprepared for Japanese landings in Northern Malaya and their speedy advance through the peninsula's jungles to capture Singapore.

Too Little

Percival quoted his own reports dating back to 1937 urging defence preparations in Northern Malaya. Throughout were accounts of being forced to do much with too little. Too few troops, too little time for training troops. Too few aircraft. Too few naval vessels—especially after the sinking of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse.

Percival's report said that British forces—United Kingdom, Australian, Indian and Malayan troops—fought gallantly. But they were poorly trained and in some cases poorly disciplined to combat jungle tactics of crack Japanese soldiers. The grim tale of retreat after retreat down the 400-mile Malayan peninsula to Singapore disclosed what Percival called the "unreliability of semi-trained and inexperienced troops in critical situations."

Not Trained

Troops stationed in Malaya for some time before the war were well trained and a match for the Japanese, he said. But there was no time for training reinforcements who arrived just before and during the Japanese attack.

Malayan military chiefs and urged since 1937 that additional troops, aircraft and ships be sent to defend Northern Malaya from danger of invasion leading to Singapore's lightly defended landward side, Percival said.

His report added: "It seems, however, that the change in the situation was not as fully appreciated at home as it was in Malaya, or it may have been that lack of resources of manpower, material and money made it impossible to comply with the recommendations made. In any case it was not until 1940 that official approval was given to the other determined attack. It was clear-

policy of holding the whole of Malaya.

Main Cause

"In the autumn of 1940, when it had become apparent that we were not in a position to send a fleet to the East, the Home authorities laid down that the defence of Malaya must depend primarily on air power but that, until adequate air forces could be provided, the land forces must be strengthened. The policy of relying primarily on air power was in fact never implemented."

"In consequence of the above policy the Army dispositions were designed primarily to afford protection to the bases from which the air forces when available would operate."

"In the event, the army had to bear practically the whole weight of the Japanese attack with little air or naval support. This was the main cause of defeat."

Percival said preparation of his despatch had been influenced by publication of many accounts of the ill-fated Malayan campaign often "based on false and incomplete information."

Jap Strength

Giving his estimate of Japanese strength as opposed to British defending troops, Percival said reports that British outnumbered the Japanese were incorrect.

He estimated Japanese troops totalled 150,000 in Malaya compared with 125,000 British troops, many of whom arrived late in the campaign to replace casualties.

The Japanese, Percival said, used about 300 first line aircraft in Malaya compared to 141 British planes, most of them outdated.

The Japanese, he reported, advanced across the jungles, rivers and swamps of Northern Malaya "much more rapidly than had been thought possible."

Describing the surrender of Singapore after the week-long battle for the island, Percival said the final decision was made because the Japanese had captured the city's water reservoirs.

Last Conference

This was his account of the final staff conference at 9.30 a.m. on Feb. 15, 1942:

"A discussion on the general situation followed. The danger of the water situation, particularly as it affected the Indian troops and the vast civil population, was stressed. There was also the danger of a breakthrough into the crowded town area if the Japanese delivered an official approval was given to the other determined attack. It was clear-

AS MOSCOW SEES IT

Moscow, Feb. 25.
When the Allies landed in France on D-Day, they confronted only 50 or 60 German divisions of "the weakest personnel and poorly armed," the Communist newspaper, *Trud*, declared today.

The only serious resistance the Allies met throughout the campaign, *Trud* said, was Field-Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive in the Ardennes and that had no serious consequences because the Red Army launched a great offensive eight days earlier at the request of the Allies.

Reuter.

ly no good remaining on the defensive as we were.

"As I viewed the situation, the alternatives were either (A), to counter-attack immediately to regain control of the reservoirs and of the military food depots and to drive back the enemy's artillery with a view to reducing the damage to the water supply system, or (B), to capitulate immediately."

Formation commanders were unanimously of the opinion that in the existing circumstances a counter attack was impracticable.

Unanimous

"I could see no immediate solution for the critical water situation and decided to capitulate. The other members of the conference concurred unanimously with the decision."

That afternoon, the British commander was received by Lt.-Gen. Yamashita, the Japanese commander, in the Ford factory north of the city and signed the surrender terms.

Percival, now 60 years old, is retired and living in Hertfordshire.—Associated Press.

Egypt Jars Council

Lake Success, Feb. 25.

Egypt today warned the United Nations Security Council that the Arab world would fight every United Nations attempt to enforce partition on Palestine.

Egypt said Arabs from surrounding countries would rush to the rescue of the Palestine Arabs.

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi of Egypt said: "Persistence in implementing the Assembly resolution will head matters to certain disaster."

Mr. Fawzi spoke quietly but the hard-fisted defiance of his words jarred delegates. He said: "The trend toward Jewish dominance in Palestine cannot continue." — United Press.

PIRACY IN THE BALTIC?

Stockholm, Feb. 26.
Suggestions of "piracy in the Baltic" have been made by Swedish newspapers following the mysterious disappearance of the crews of two small Swedish merchant ships, missing since they left Stolpmuende, a former German Baltic port now in Poland, a week ago.

The Aftonbladet, the biggest paper in Scandinavia, suggested the Russians might have seized the ships and taken off their crews.

The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its embassies in Moscow and Warsaw to ascertain whether the seamen, 18 in all, have been picked up and landed at some Russian or Polish port.

The ships, Iwan and Kinnekulle, were sailing from Poland to Swedish ports.

On Monday the Kinnekulle was found abandoned near the island of Bornholm with signs of an explosion in the engine room. Lifebelts and wreckage bearing the name of Iwan were found off Bornholm and Swedish authorities believe she foundered, possibly after hitting a mine.—Reuter.

HERRIOT ILL

Paris, Feb. 25.
Mr. Edouard Herriot, the 74-year-old Radical Elder Statesman and three times French Prime Minister, is suffering from influenza.

He was elected President of the National Assembly in January.

A bulletin issued tonight said that he had a temperature and would be obliged to stay in bed for several days.—Reuter.

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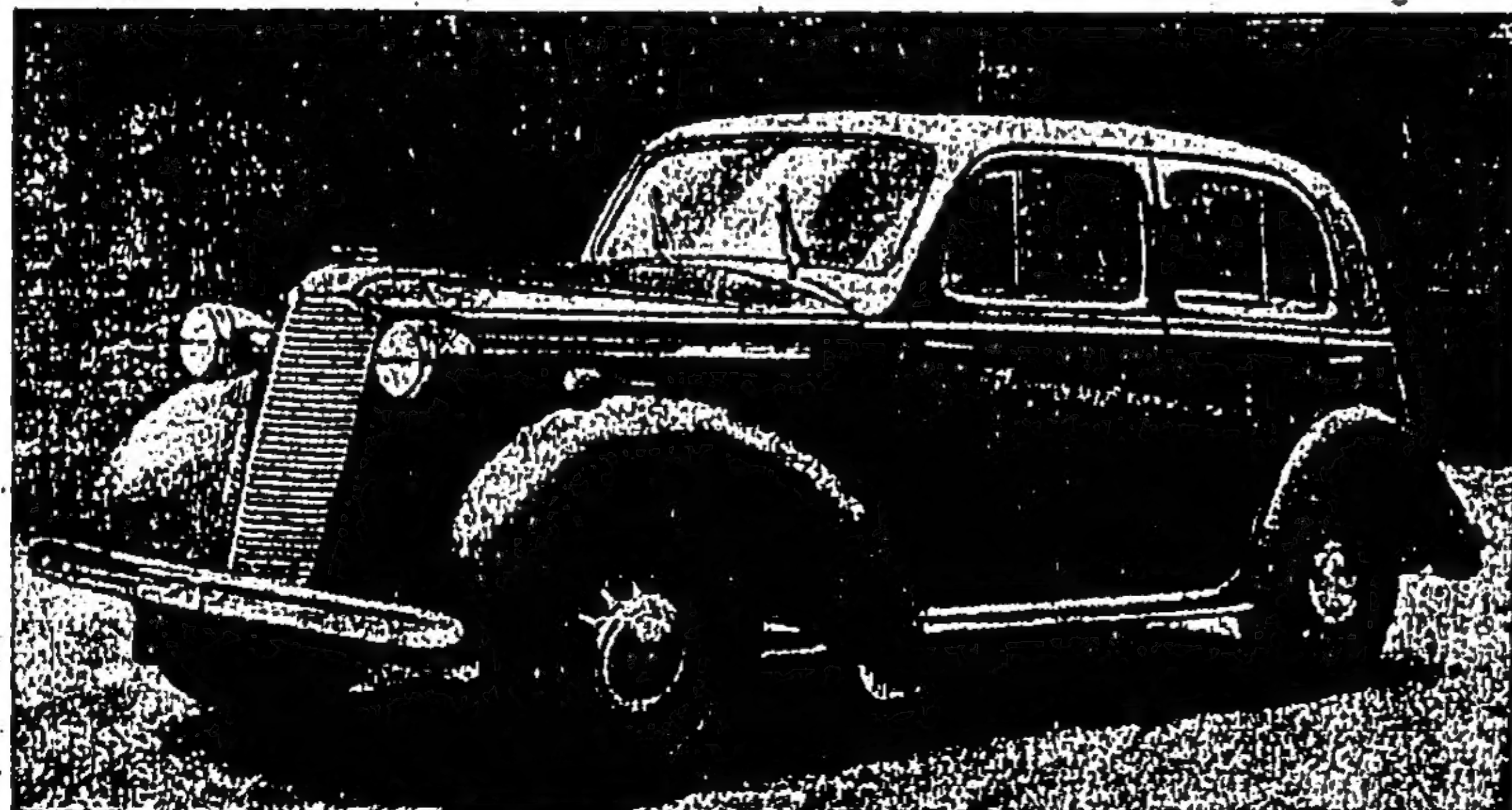
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CINEMA WORLD

CHINA'S HOLLYWOOD

What It Lacks In Polish It Makes Up For In Guts

China's Hollywood may lack quality and polish, but it has plenty of guts.

In the last 10 years of its short history it has not hesitated to criticize inefficiency and corruption, and ridicule the ridiculous.

It poked fun at the Japanese during the Japanese occupation, and it criticized the Chinese government and government officials today. And this, despite Japanese bayonets during the war, and State control of the bulk of the movie industry today.

When the Japanese took over China's Hollywood after Pearl Harbor, most of the movie personnel stayed on their jobs. The Japanese enforced strict discipline—and technically the quality of productions reached heights recognized as superior to prewar or postwar Level standards.

But—as Japanese propaganda vehicles—the movies were a complete flop.

By using subtle, peculiarly Chinese gestures and figures of speech—which were meaningless to the Japanese—Chinese movie personnel ridiculed the occupation forces consistently. Few Japanese went to see Chinese movies, and those who did usually missed the point.

"They were puzzled by the Chinese audience's sense of humour," one Shanghai distributor told the Associated Press. "They couldn't understand why certain seemingly innocent remarks brought down the house."

"During the latter part of the occupation," he added, "constant, well-camouflaged predictions of a Japanese collapse made the local Japanese lose a great deal of face."

"But," he said, "under the Japs everyone, hustled—from directors

to prop-men. If they were caught slacking, they were accused of sabotage. And the real sabotage was going on all the time."

Most of the big names of China's wartime Hollywood have disappeared from the movie spot-light to-day. Hardly any of them have been prosecuted.

Two of China's best-known pre-war comedians, Yung and Yu—the Lauri and Hardy of China—have not appeared in a new picture since the end of the war, though a re-issue of one of their old ones is now being shown. They provided much of the comic relief in films produced by the Japanese.

And—to judge from the current output of Chinese films—the independence of spirit among China's movie folk has in no way been squashed.

One distributor told the Associated Press that the most common features of postwar films

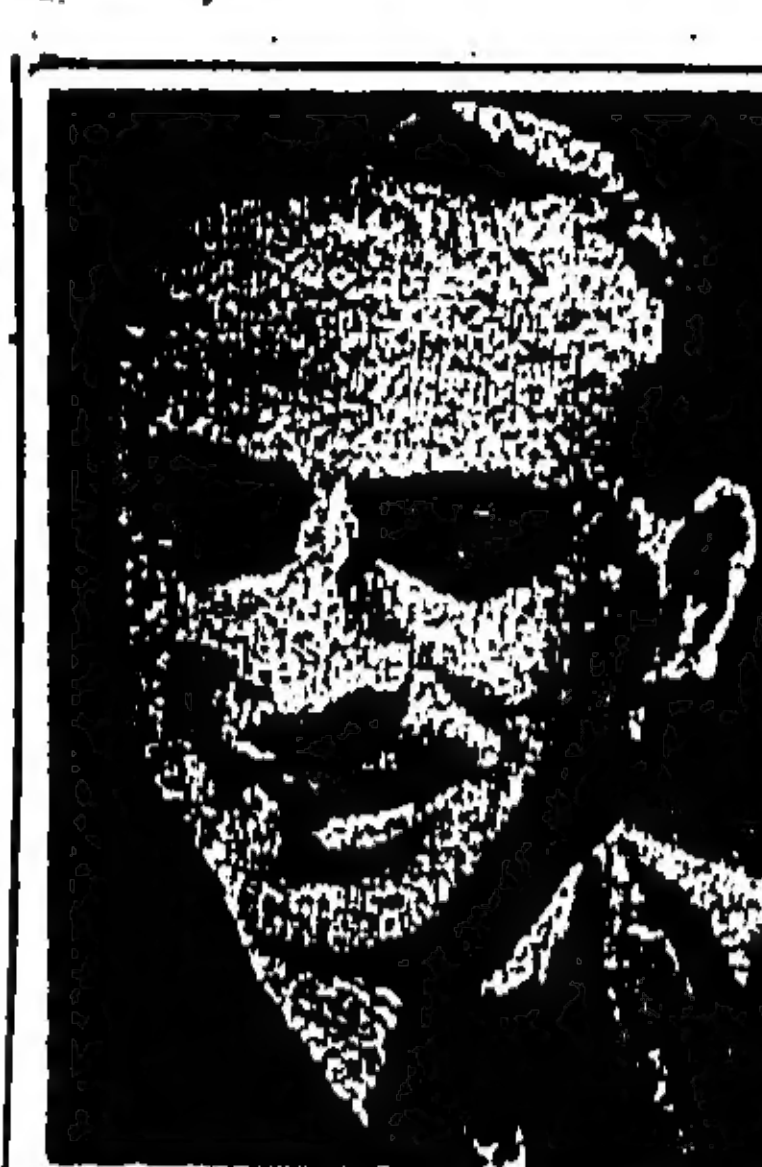
are the outright criticism of the government and its officials, and direct and indirect attacks on prevailing corruption and inefficiency among public officials.

"It's the most popular form of wit in Chinese movies to-day," he said.

"You find it in comedies and in dramas, in love stories and—naturally—in films with a political background. Throughout, there is a veiled, and sometimes not so veiled, criticism of present conditions and parodying of topical cases of corruption."

"Even movies produced by China's State-controlled studios," he added, "often cater to the prevailing public appetite for sideswiping the government."

One returned student described this as an "internal revolt," but, he added, "it performs quite an essential function. It acts as a safety valve."—Associated Press



SIR MICHAEL BALON, of the J. Arthur Rank Organization, who had the honour of Knight Bachelor conferred on him in the King's New Year honours list. Sir Michael is producer of "Hue and Cry" shortly to be shown in Hong Kong.

--SHADOWS BEFORE--

HUE AND CRY (LEE)

Stars: Alastair Sim, Jack Warner, Valerie White and Jack Lambert. Story: About a bunch of London boys who get caught up in an adventure which recaptures the thrills of youth in the popular penny "blood and thunder." Michael Balon, the producer, describes it as a film which "begs to differ and this is an excellent description. Amusing as well as exciting."

DARK PASSAGE (LEE)

Stars: Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. Story: A hunted man, turned hunter in a desperate attempt to solve the mystery of his wife's murder. The accent throughout is on action and it moves at a tense pace from its beginning to an unusual denouement. Lauren discards her

shilly type of role for that of a sincere, young woman and it gives her an opportunity of which she makes full use. Agnes Moorehead, cast mistress of the menacing type of character, also does an excellent job.

NEW ORLEANS (LEE)

Stars: Arturo de Cordova and Dorothy Patrick. Story: Not frightfully important as to chief purpose is to keep the film moving to permit of some first-class jazz. It covers the evolution of jazz from its origins in New Orleans back in the days of the first World War to the more sophisticated ravagings of today, not to mentionogie-woogie. Irene Rich appears in a film for the first time for years. Good entertainment value.

MOTHER WORE TIGHTS (KING'S)

Stars: Betty Grable and Dan Dailey. Story: None of that corny, tearful stuff of boy-meets-girl, boy strays, girl weeps, boy leaves, accidental

meeting, reunion in final flood of laughter and tears. It's a show business theme, with Betty as a stage-struck high school student, who ultimately runs into a comedian-dancer, teams up with him and settles down to have a family. It contains some spectacular dance sequences, while Dailey establishes himself as one of the most versatile new actors in years. Amusing, sometimes hilarious, this is a three-star film.

THE END OF THE RIVER (KING'S)

Stars: Sabu and Bibi Ferreira. Story: Against a Brazilian background, and filmed in Brazil, it follows in its early sequences the life of a people hardly known. The main theme is of a native thrown into the complex world of white man's civilization, and finding that the two worlds cannot be reconciled. Bibi Ferreira is quite a discovery. "The End of the River" is in the real tradition of British films, supreme in the sphere of reality.



All the moments in the thriller now showing at the King's are clearly not blood-curdling. Above are the three stars, Alan Ladd, Gail Russell and William Bendix.

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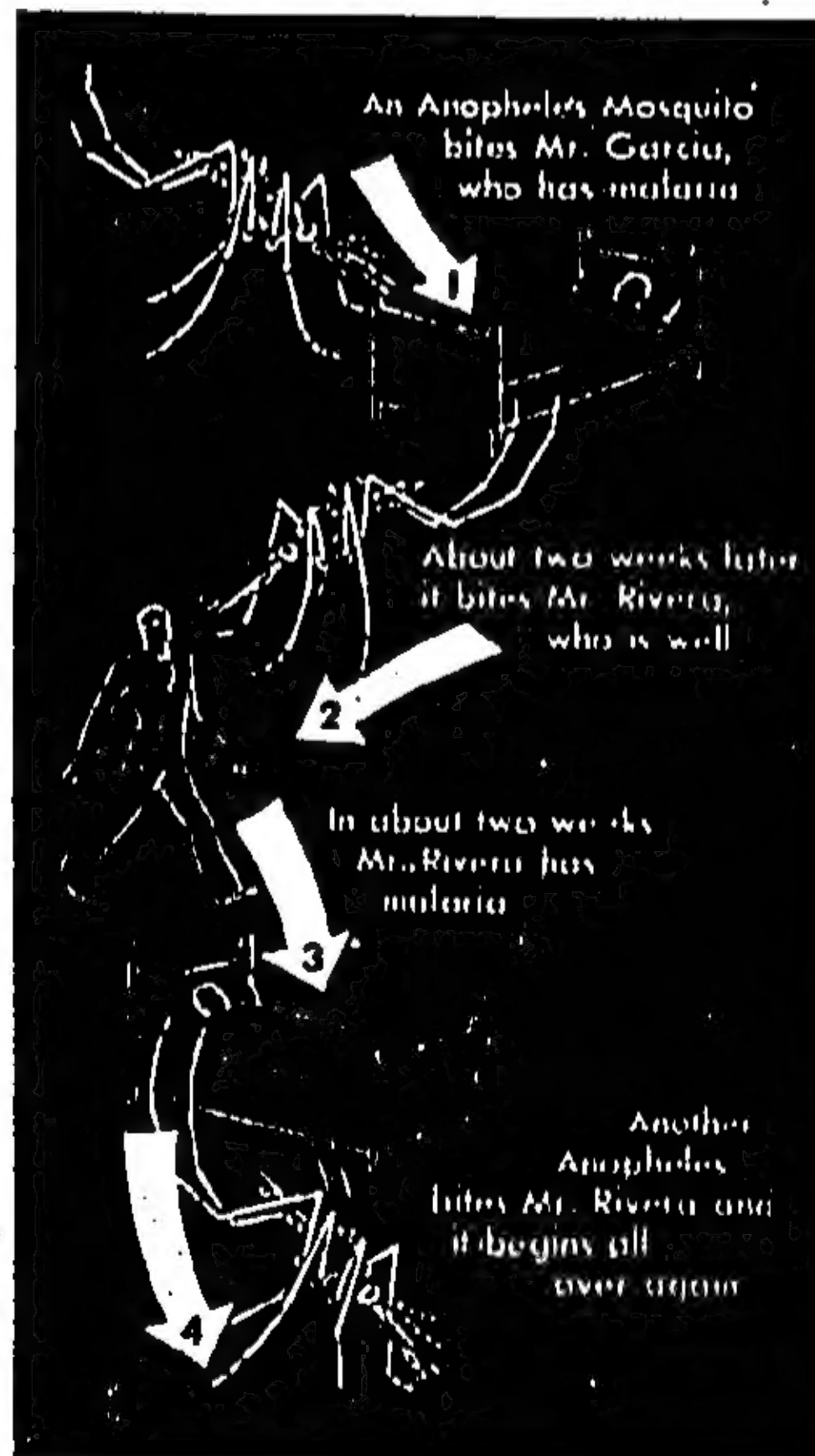
Queen of the Bathing Beauties, Paulette Goddard, takes a bubble bath in *Variety Girl*, which is now showing at the Queen's.

Hollywood Tips

Johnny Weissmuller, who has been "Tarzan" for 15 years, is making his 12th appearance in that role in "Tarzan and the Mermaids," for RKO Radio release.

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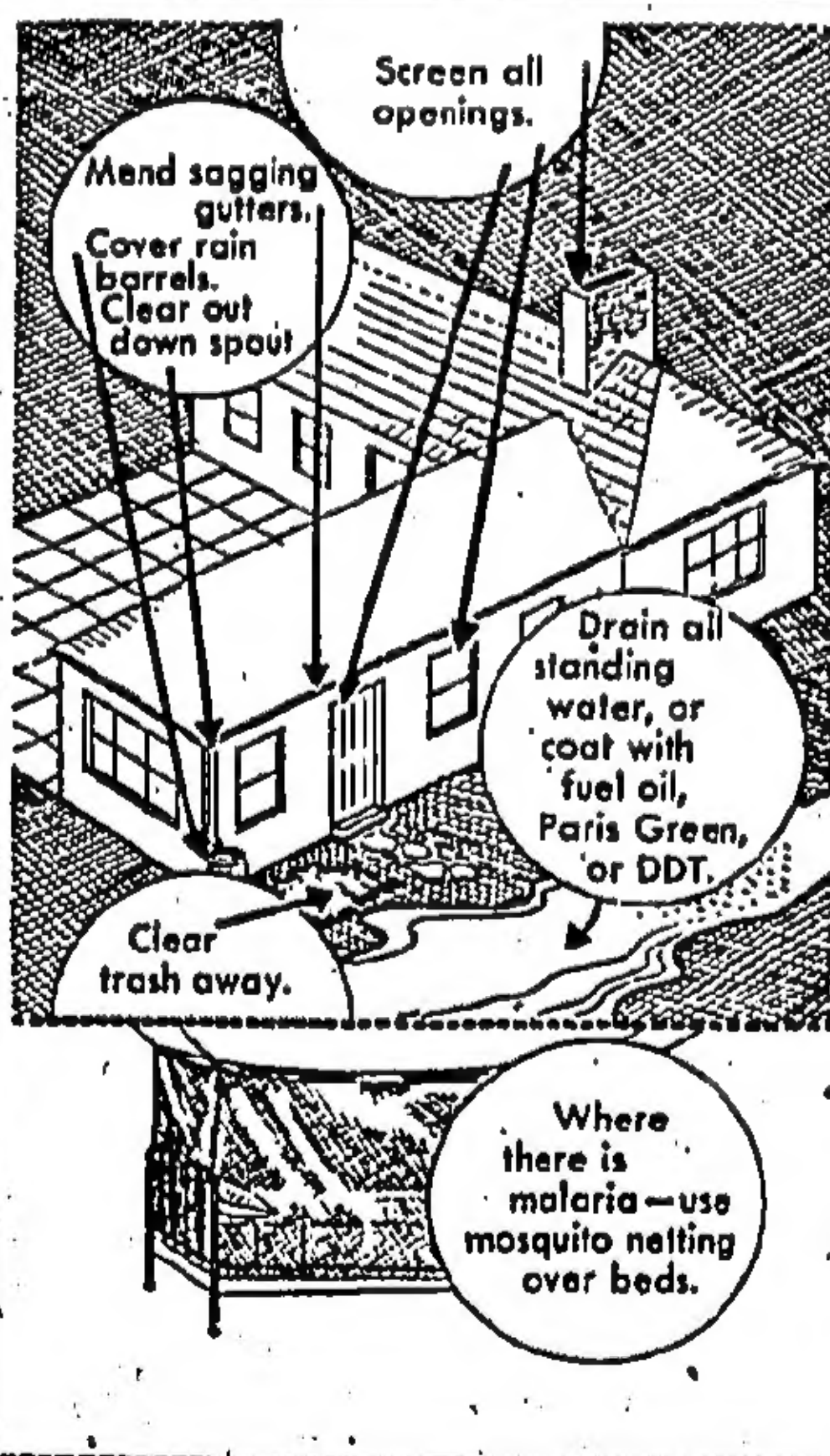
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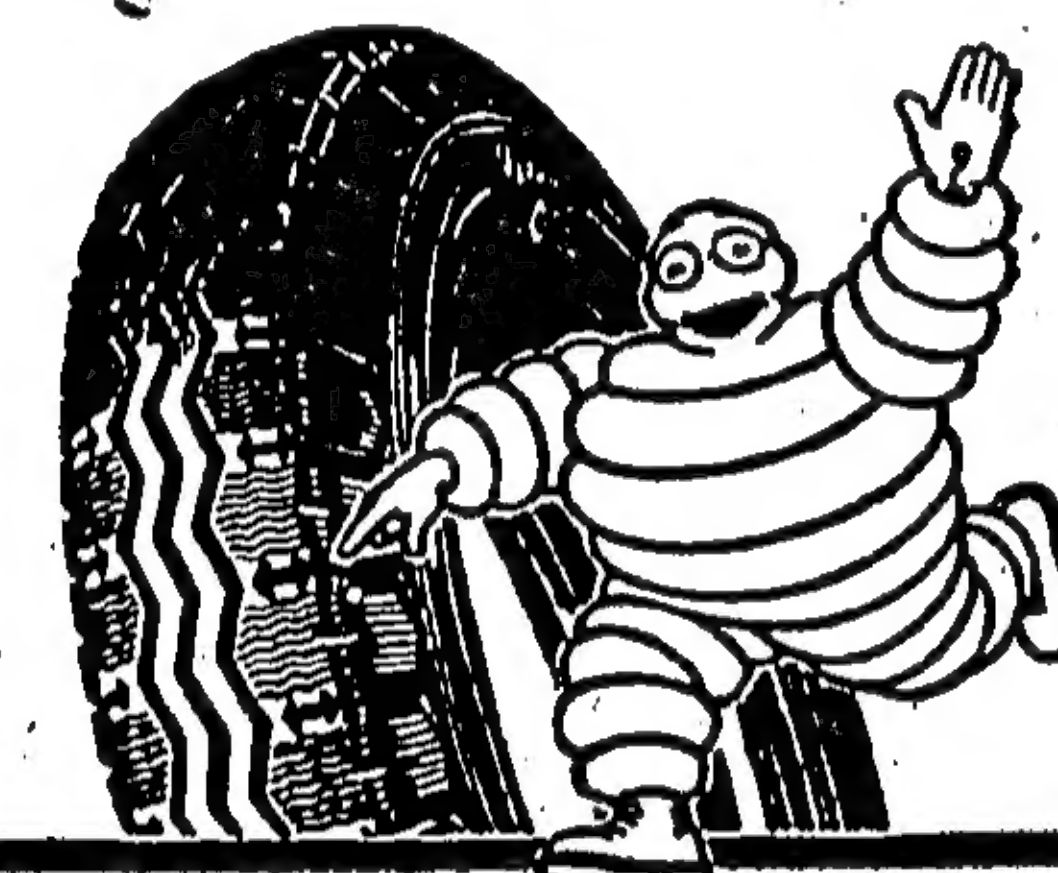
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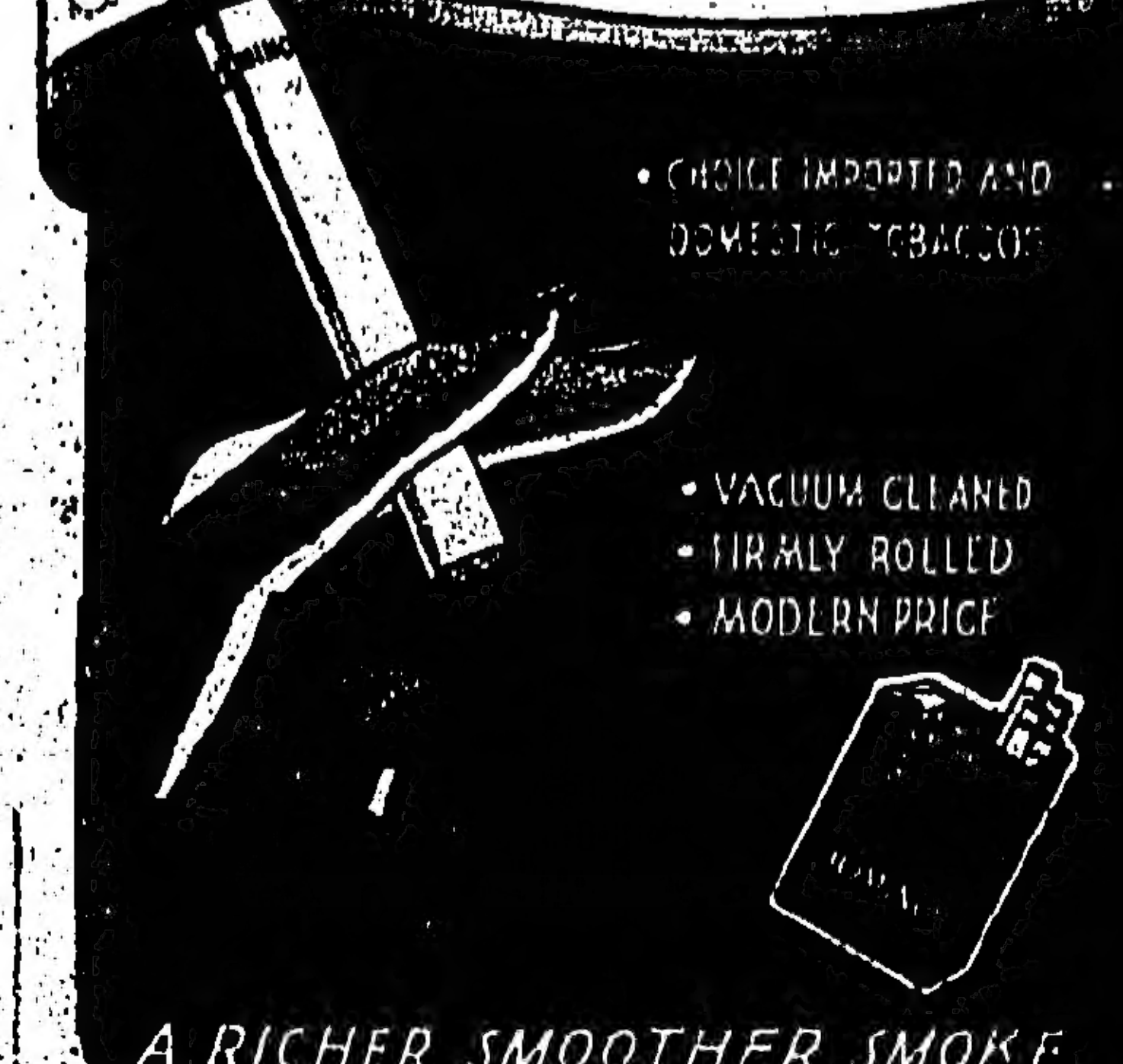
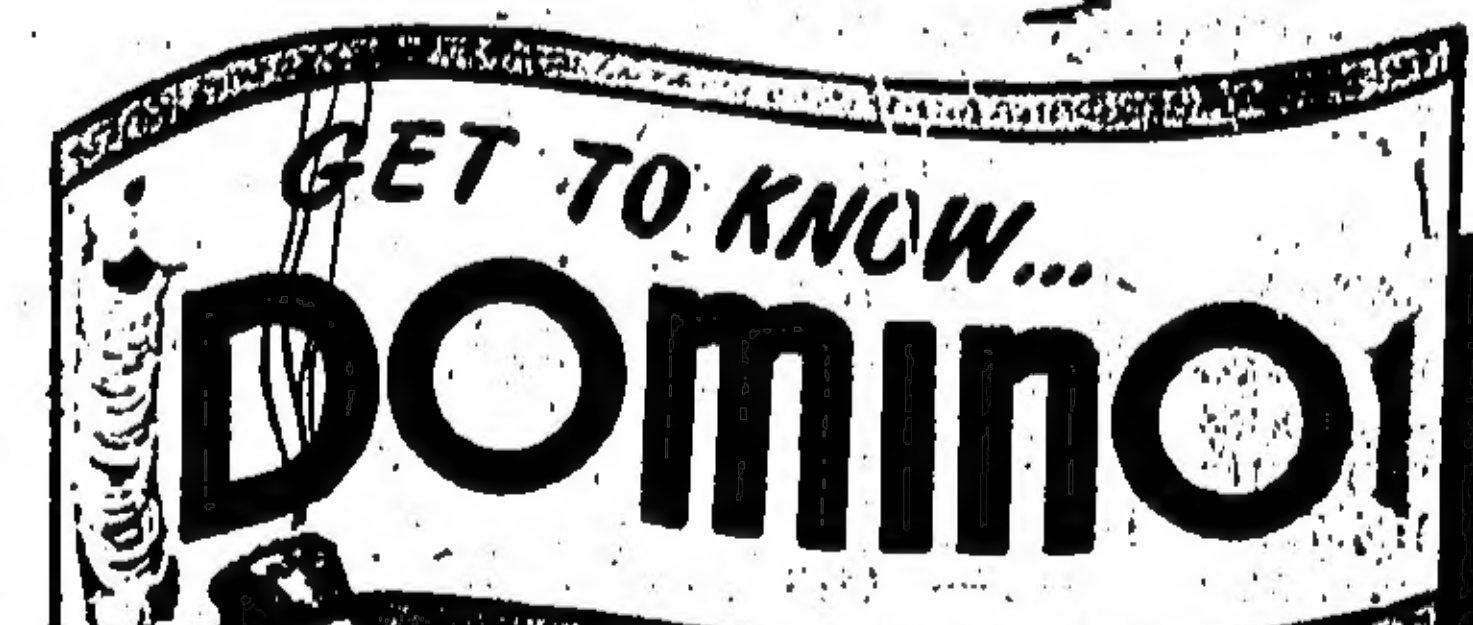
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CZECH COMMUNISTS WIN New Cabinet Formed: Reds Get 12 Posts Demonstration Of Force

Prague, Feb. 25.
 The formation of a new Czechoslovak Government, which includes trade union representation, a priest and a woman, was announced tonight—the sixth day in the Czechoslovak governmental crisis.

The announcement was greeted by vast crowds which had gathered in Wenceslas Square. There was a holiday atmosphere, Czech and Red flags were displayed and there were shouts of "Long Live Benes" and "Long Live the Action Committees."

But at the same time, strong patrols of armed troops, with rifles, machine-guns and pouches bulging with ammunition, moved slowly through the crowds—an underlying demonstration of force.

While the crowds grew, Prague Radio announced the new Cabinet presented to the President of the Czechoslovak Republic, Dr. Eduard Benes, headed by the Premier, M. Klement Gottwald (Communist).

The new Cabinet consists of 24 members of all parties and was approved by the President tonight.

The list is:

Masaryk Stays

Prime Minister—M. Klement Gottwald, Communist.

Deputy Premiers—M. Wilam Slaski, Chairman of the

Communist Party of Slovakia,

M. Bohumil Lausman, Chairman

of the Social Democrat Party,

and M. Antonin Zapotocky, Chairman of the

Czech Trade Union Congress.

Foreign Minister—M. Jan Masaryk, Non-Party.

Under-Secretary of Foreign

Affairs: M. Vladimir Clementis (Communist) — no

change.

National Defence—General

Ludvig Svoboda (Non-Party) —

no change.

Secretary of State in the

Ministry of National Defence—

Dr. Jan Seveik (Slovak Democrat),

former Deputy Speaker in the

Czechoslovak Parliament—

new appointment.

Foreign Trade—Dr. Antonin

Gregor (Communist) — appl.

Interior—M. Vachal Nosek

(Communist) — no change.

Finance—Dr. Jaromir Dolansky

(Communist) — no change.

Popular Education—Dr. Zdenek

Nejedlik (Communist), former

Minister of Social Welfare.

Justice—Dr. Alexey Cepicka

(Communist), former Minister

of Home Trade.

Industry—M. Zdenek Fierlinger

(Social Democrat)—new

appointment.

Information—M. Vachal

Kopecky (Communist) — no

change.

Agriculture—M. Julius

Zurita (Communist)—no change.

Internal Trade—M. Frantisek

Krajcir (Communist), former

Chairman of the Central

Chamber of Commerce.

Transport—Alois Petr (People's

Party)—Catholics, former

Deputy Speaker—new appointment.

Technical Planning—Professor

Emanuel Sleshta (National

Socialist), a member of the

Central Planning Commission—

new appointment.

Posts—Dr. Alois Neumann

(National Socialist)—new

appointment.

Social Welfare—M. Evzan

Erhan (Social Democrat)—

Secretary General of the Trade

Union Movement—new appointment.

Health—M. Josef Plojhar

(People's Party)—a Roman

Catholic priest—new appointment.

Supply—Madame Ludmila

Jankovska (Social Democrat),

formerly Minister of Industry.

Unification: — Dr. Walter

Srobar (Slovak Freedom Party) —

new appointment.

Key Posts

The Communists held 12 Ministries, including the key posts of Prime Minister, Interior, Finance and Information.

There are two non-party Ministers remaining in office, General Svoboda, War Minister, and M. Jan Masaryk, Foreign Minister.

The Social Democrats have one Deputy Prime Minister and three other Ministers.

The National (Czech) Socialists (Liberals) have two Ministries, the People's Party (Catholics) two, the Slovak Freedom Party one and the Slovak Democrats (Conservatives) one.

The announcement of the names of the new Cabinet was made by M. Gottwald from an improvised platform on a lorry in Wenceslas Square.

M. Gottwald said: "The proposals which I have made for a new Cabinet have been signed (by President Benes) and immediately after leaving you now, I am going to counter-sign them."

"Will, Of The People"

The vast crowds greeted all the known names, as the list was read out, with loud cheers.

M. Gottwald told the crowds: "It was not easy for President Benes to accept the proposals for the new Cabinet."

"It took some time till he thought it over and decided. But finally the President recognised the necessity of such measures, principally because he realised they respond to the will and the voice of the people."

"We are grateful to President Benes today that he has respected the will and the desire of the people even in things which he personally found very difficult to accept."

"Reaction, which has planned a decisive blow against our popular democratic order, has been smashed and defeated. The firm determination of our people has been primarily responsible for its defeat."

Earlier in the afternoon, lorries brought load after load of orderly workers from factories, Ministries and other centres, to the Square where they awaited the official announcement.

Order To Workers

Above the hubbub of the crowds, as they waited for the Prime Minister, blaring loudspeakers interspersed musical items with exhortations to the people to buy special editions of the Communist Party organ, "Rude Pravo."

As Prague awaited the new Government, the newly-formed Action Committees were getting into their stride.

Today, factories were working under a new order by which workers opposing the new regime could be dismissed with no right of appeal.

In a letter made public today, President Benes reaffirmed his stand on the principles of Parliamentary democracy, appealed for conciliation and "a certain measure of freedom and concord," and named M. Gottwald, leader of the "strongest party," as the head of the new Government.

The Communists have 114 out of the 300 members of Parliament.

The support of the 39 members of the Social Democratic Party, whose two wings today announced agreement on a new Government list, will just give them a majority—Reuter.

A Warning

Paris, Feb. 26.
 Today's events in Prague were described by Yvon Delbos, an outstanding Radical and a former Foreign Minister, as "a tragedy and a warning, for France, as for all free countries."

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Hong Kong Siege

Ottawa, Feb. 25.
 A motion for the publication of a "paraphrased" copy of the Royal Commission evidence on Canada's role in the defence of Hong Kong was adopted by the Canadian House of Commons last night. The motion for tabling the evidence was made by Mr. John Bracken, the Progressive Conservative Leader.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, had told the House that Britain did not object to publication, providing code messages were paraphrased.—Reuter.

SECRET AGREEMENT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Washington, Feb. 26.
 The political upheaval in Czechoslovakia may blow the lid off secret documents explaining Soviet-American wartime arrangements for liberating that nation.

These papers would supply Washington's official answer to such questions as why American forces failed to aid in the liberation of the Czech capital, Prague, from the Germans and why the U.S. troops stopped short just inside the Czech western border.

Apparently they also would add another chapter to the story of how the Soviets were able to get the upper hand in Eastern European countries from the very end of the war.

From wholly authoritative informants, it was learned these documents would show:

1—That a Soviet high command request from Moscow to General Dwight Eisenhower was the immediate reason why American troops failed to help free Prague in May 1945.

2—That the simultaneous withdrawal of Russian and American armies from Czechoslovakia in late 1945 came after President Truman made a personal request to Generalissimo Stalin to approve such a step.

3—That the United States "leaned over backwards," as one official said today, to prove to the Russians that American troops would not rush into areas which the Russians wanted to occupy.

The secrecy about the wartime arrangements evidently helped the Russians present themselves to the Czechs as liberators while they accused the Americans of failing to give any real help in the fighting.

It is this last propaganda twist of the facts, according to responsible diplomatic authorities here, which has prompted the State and War Departments to consider ripping the "secrecy" labels off the records.—Associated Press.

Catholics' Flight

Munich, Feb. 26.
 Three men claiming to be anti-Communist politicians in flight from Czechoslovakia were arrested today as they were crossing the Oder into the U.S. zone of Germany.

German police officials said they were handed over to U.S. Army intelligence agents for interrogation.

The men, whose names were not disclosed, identified themselves as members of the Catholic People's Party. That is one of the parties at odds with the Communist Premier Klement Gottwald, in Czechoslovakia's political crisis.

The fugitives crossed the border at Waldhaus, near Passau in south-eastern Germany.—Associated Press.

No Loan For Czechs

Washington, Feb. 25.
 The World Bank mission to Czechoslovakia to investigate the Czech Government's application for a US\$350 million loan has been postponed.

The mission was to have left for Czechoslovakia today.

No reason was given by officials for the postponement, but the assumption was that the present unstable conditions in Czechoslovakia would make it impracticable for the mission to report on Czechoslovakia's application for a loan, which was intended to finance various industrial projects as part of Czechoslovakia's two-year reconstruction plan.—Reuter.

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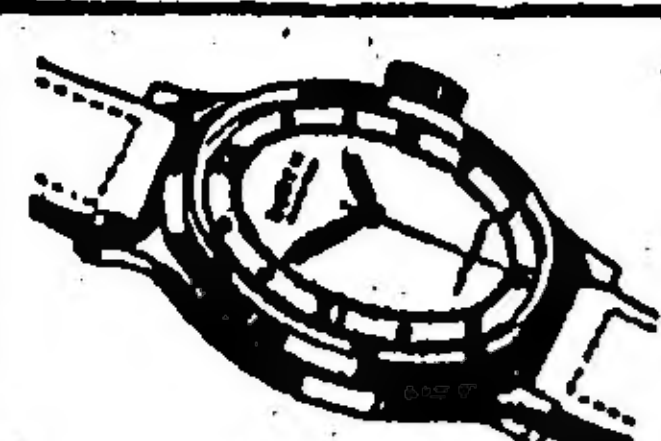
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Trainer Fails To Establish Case

London, Feb. 26. Lord Chief Justice Goddard ruled in the High Court here today that James Russell, the race-horse trainer, had failed to establish his case that he had been libelled by the Jockey Club.

Russell claimed damages from the Club for an alleged breach of contract and for alleged libel in the Racing Calendar.

Joe Louis In London

London, Feb. 26. The world heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, today paid his first visit to Earl's Court, London, where he will be giving exhibition bouts during the next fortnight.

He said that his June fight with Jersey Joe Walcott will definitely be his last. When reminded that he had said the same thing before, he smilingly suggested that a man could change his mind once if a woman could change hers several times, but, joking apart, his fight with Walcott would definitely be his last.

Louis hopes to meet many friends he made when he last came to England—the last time bombs were falling on the country—and said that he would like to have played golf at St. Andrews but had given up the game until after his fight with Walcott.

Louis confessed that his hardest fight was his first against Billy Conn.—Reuter.

Inquest On James Sharpe

Durham, Feb. 26. A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded at Spinnymoor in the inquest of James Sharpe, 23, of Dumfries, a professional footballer, who collapsed while playing in a match on New Year's Day, and died shortly afterwards.

He was half-back with the Workington Football Club, members of the Northern League. Sharpe collapsed when he was not near the ball or any other player. There was no question that he had been fouled. The post-mortem showed an internal injury received accidentally during the match. Death was due to shock.—Reuter.

Artificial Blood Plasma Made In Britain

London, Feb. 26. British scientists reported today that artificial blood plasma made from micro organism, which turns sugar slimy, was being used successfully in experimental blood transfusions both in the United States and Europe.

FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures for this week in the School Football League:

SUNDAY

La Salle v. Ying Wah (Police, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Willie or Brogan. Queen's College v. D.B.S. (Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Chan Tak-fai.

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Ying Wah v. Yumail (Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.) Referee: Chan Tak-fai. D.B.S. v. La Salle (Police, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Brogan or Ward.

Anglo-Chinese A.M. v. St. Stephen's (Navy, 11.30 a.m.) Referee: Tang King-hong. Anglo-Chinese v. G.V.M.S. (Navy, 1.30 a.m.) Referee: Tang King-hong.

Ellis Kadoorie P.M. v. Wansai P.M. (Navy, 2.30 a.m.) Referee: Au Young-sing. Nonhote College v. Wah Yan (Navy, 2.30 a.m.) Referee: Leung Ying-chun.

NAVY V. HQ LAND FORCES

An interesting match should be witnessed at Colwyn Bay on Sunday afternoon when the Navy meet H.Q. Land Forces in a league match. The kick-off is at 2.30 p.m.

H.Q. Land Forces will be represented by Wybourn, Underwood, Ackworth, Bennett, Brown, Hamblett, Davids, Harrison, Tollyday, Wright and Rogers.

LONDON GOES CONTINENTAL

London, Feb. 26. The London County Council last night approved the sale of wine and beer in its parks and open spaces.—Reuter.

Manila Lose Like Sportsmen

Manila, Feb. 26. "Chito" Castro, Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation representative, coach and manager of the Manila Interport football team, recently visiting Hong Kong, interviewed by Reuter today, said:

"We had a wonderful reception. The boys over there could not do enough for us. The games were good but our boys were not good as their opponents. We wish we could have stayed longer."—Reuter.

H.K. Team To Play Saigon

At a meeting of the Interport committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night, the team to represent Hong Kong against Saigon was selected.

It was stated that the Hong Kong team would leave Hong Kong for Saigon on March 27 and return on April 1. Three matches will be played there.

Interport team is:—Lock; Hau Yung-sung, B. Gosano, Lau Chung-sung, Farrow, Chang Kam-hoi, Ho Ying-fan, Chan Man-chi, Tang Yee-kit, Kiernan, Lee Shek-yau, Tse Kuan-hung, and Chui Wing-keung, Yu Yiu-tak and Parvin.

Managers:—Messrs. Mok Hung and R.M. Omar. It was revealed at the meeting that Hong Kong is to send a team to Manila in April. Two games will be played and a third against South China, who will be in Manila at the time.

Badminton Results

The result of the postponed badminton match between St. John's and Chinese Sanitary Inspectors, played on Saturday last was that St. John's beat Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 2-4.

Results of the Men's Double league matches played on Monday were:—Kowloon Duck lost to Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 4-5.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Kowloon Duck 3-6. St. John's lost to Kowloon Duck 1-5. K.C.C. "A" beat St. Mary's 2-0. K.C.C. "B" beat St. Teresa's 3-0.

The match between Chung Wah and Sing Tao was postponed. Results of the Men's Double league matches played on Wednesday:

St. Mary's lost to Chinese Sanitary Inspectors 4-5. Sing Tao beat St. John's 5-0. V.R.C. beat Kowloon Duck 6-3. St. Teresa's "A" beat K.C.C. "B" 7-2. K.C.C. "A" beat Chung Wah 6-3.

ARABS LAUNCH CONVOY WAR ON JEWS

Jerusalem, Feb. 25. Thousands of armed Arabs throughout Palestine have launched a "convoy war" on Jewish vehicles to strangle Jewish Communications and supplies.

This development followed reports reaching Jerusalem of heavy reinforcements of trained Arabs crossing the Palestine frontier from Syria and Trans-Jordan.

Road mines have been planted on many of the country's roads to blast and halt the armour-plated convoy cars in prepared ambush positions.

While the use of mines and mortars is seriously reducing the protection from such armour.

One hundred Arab lorries carrying nearly 900 men, arms and equipment, secretly crossed the border into Palestine during the night.

These "reinforcements" were all well-trained and fully armed men, who brought with them machine-guns, mortars and explosives, an Arab source said.

One force, coming from Syria, split up on reaching the frontier and slipped across, while another convoy from Transjordan was believed to have crossed the River Jordan bridges and later to have kept a rendezvous in the Samaritan and Galilean hills, where Arabs are undergoing military training.

Jews killed one Arab sentry and wounded two others in an attempt to blow up Jerusalem's military court building today.

Five police armoured cars rushed up, experts immediately searched the building for explosives, and the fire brigade stood by as smoke from oil bombs billowed out.

Franciscan nuns occupying the former Italian Consulate, which is adjacent to the military court, were hastily evacuated.

The nuns, shepherded by a bearded priest carrying sacred relics, fled past the body of the dead Arab sentry, which was sprawled across the entrance to the court building.

The main aerial at the Cable and Wireless transmission station at Alamein camp, on the Bethlehem road, Jerusalem, was shot down during an Arab Jewish gun battle.—Reuter.

FALSE REPORT LED TO LOSS OF 'PR. OF WALES' 'REPULSE'

(Continued from Page 1) One hour before reaching Kuantan, Force Z had passed at extreme range what appeared to be one small ship with a number of barges or junks. On finding Kuantan all quiet, the Commander-in-Chief decided to go back and investigate these barges before returning to Singapore. It was while returning to the eastward to do this that Force Z was attacked by enemy aircraft. Nine high level bombers flying in tight line abreast formation at 10,000 feet, attacked Repulse from ahead without inflicting heavy damage.

Then nine torpedo bombers struck at Prince of Wales on the port side. One torpedo found its mark, the ship listed 18 degrees to port and her speed slowed to 15 knots.

Two aircraft were shot down and another possibly was damaged. Eight or nine bombers attacked Repulse but she eluded their torpedoes, then escaped bombs dropped from high-flying planes.

The sinking. Nine torpedo bombers, attacking in two groups, came in next on Prince of Wales, firing at her starboard side. The crippled ship, incapable of taking evading action, was hit three times.

Meantime, three planes struck at Repulse, one scoring a hit amidships. Torpedoes struck her abreast the gun room on the port side, jamming the rudder and putting the ship out of control. There were three more hits and the ship listed to port and capsized.

Forty-five minutes later Prince of Wales capsized, taking a final hit from a high level bomber and near-misses on both sides.

No U.S. Goods For Czechs?

Washington, Feb. 26. The American Government may clamp rigid export controls on goods going to Czechoslovakia.

Government officials said on Wednesday they are seriously considering this move—a way of expressing displeasure at the Communist overturn of the Czech Government.

Such controls, they said, would limit the amount of heavy machinery and equipment Czechoslovakia can buy in the United States.

During 1947, such heavy equipment made up US\$11,120,000 of the US\$48,000,000 Czechoslovakia spent for American goods.

The theory behind any export cut would be that "other friendly" countries could better use the projects, many of them scarce items.—Associated Press.

Telephone Service To N.T.

Partial restoration of telephone service to the New Territory served by the Tai Po Exchange is expected to be effected about the middle of the year, the "China Mail" is reliably informed.

Work has been going on for the past few months to bring the line back into operation.

The service to the Fanling Exchange is not expected to be completed until the end of the year.

A number of applications from would-be subscribers are on the waiting list. The number of subscribers pre-war was some 150.

THE JAPANESE SIDE OF THE PICTURE

(Continued from Page 1) Yamaguchi's force was "self contained"—presumably able to attack and protect itself against attack simultaneously.

It had little need for defensive tactics. The sinking of the "Repulse" and "Prince of Wales" guaranteed Japanese sea flanks. Japanese jungle tactics and hundreds of amphibious landings along Malaya disorganised the defenders on the peninsula itself.

The Japanese shielded their land operations and amphibious landings with a nebula composed of three Army Air Brigades and two additional Air Regiments dumped into the Third Air Division commanded by Lieutenant-General Michio Sugawara. This force had 670 aircraft, including 130 heavy (presumably two-engine) bombers.

Heavy Losses. The air component suffered heavy losses. The Japanese said that by the time Singapore fell they had lost 331 aeroplanes. Tokyo supplied 270 replacement aircraft, plus pilots. The Japanese could not indicate how many of the planes were lost by anti-aircraft fire and British fighters presumably accounted for them.

The fall of Singapore occasioned a monster celebration throughout Japan, including a public appearance by uniformed Emperor Hirohito and his famed white horse. A national holiday was proclaimed for a few days after Yamaguchi accepted the British surrender.

The Japanese had no comment to make on the British defence but the date of Singapore's fall proved the Japanese had trouble taking it. The Japanese strove mightily to capture Singapore by February 11—Japan's national foundation-day and the biggest holiday.—Associated Press.

SECRET WEAPONS FOR BRITAIN

London, Feb. 26. The British Army has "secret weapons" in the planning stage, according to a statement by the War Office today.

The statement said that the War Office was planning to develop a new type of secret weapon, which would be used in the event of a surprise attack on Britain.

Trade Figures

The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports that imports of merchandise into the Colony of Hong Kong during the month of January, 1948 amounted to a declared value of \$140,755,107 as compared with \$105,406,209 in the month of January, 1947.

The figures include Government sponsored cargoes. Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$113,310,392 as compared with \$102,519,823.

Democratic League Criticised

Nanking, Feb. 26. Dr. Hollington K. Tong, government spokesman, said today that the outlawed Democratic League's open declaration of cooperation with the Communist rebels indicated that the League was a "Communist organisation in disguise."

The declaration of cooperation with the Communists was reported by the official Central News from Hong Kong. Dr. Tong said:

"It may be recalled that the Democratic League was outlawed by the government some time ago for collusion with the Communist rebels. Its former members, including Chang Lan, Lo Lung-chi, Huang Yeh-pi and Liang Shu-min, are now living in China."

"A few others such as Chang O-chun and Sun Chun-ju secretly went to Hong Kong, where they are trying to restore their organisation and take part in the Communist rebellion."

"Their close association with the Communists has been well established. It is no surprise, therefore, that the slogans adopted by them are identical with those of the Communists."

"Certainly, the government cannot but regard their activities as that of a Communist organisation in disguise."—United Press.

Report Clarified

Shanghai, Feb. 26. Only shipments exported by China's Government-operated concerns will be carried solely by Chinese ships, the China Press learned from local shipping circles last night, in connection with the Central News agency story which reported that all export shipments from China will in future be carried by Chinese ships.

This ruling was approved by the Executive Yuan some time ago. The instructions were recently sent to the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, which will handle most of such shipments. Among the Government-operated enterprises which may handle exports are the Central Trust and the National Resource Commission.

A stir was created in local foreign shipping circles after the publication of the news items and inquiries were immediately instituted in Nanking regarding the correctness of the report.—Reuter.

WATER BUSES ON THE THAMES

London, Feb. 26. Water buses are to be run on the Thames through London between Tower Bridge and Putney, starting in June, Mr. Alfred Barnes, Minister of Transport announced.

Launches will be used, each capable of carrying between 150 and 170 people. They will provide a regular half-hourly service between 8.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m., the total journey occupying just under an hour.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS

The first annual Queen's College Athletic Sports since the war will hold today between 10.30 and 5.00 p.m. at the Queen's College Athletic Ground.

"Peril Is Close," Says Bidault

Paris, Feb. 25. Emphasising that respect for the human rights of an opponent was essential to Western democracy, M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, declared today to the Anglo-American Press Association: "There is no democracy where opponents are hanged."

Peril was close, the Foreign Minister said. France would not accept or resign herself to a Europe which had reduced itself to 16 states (the 10 Western European nations taking part in the Marshall plan).

"It is the smallest Europe we have ever seen," he added. France was committed to a path from which there was no retreat, M. Bidault declared. Because Europe was growing so small, there was greater need for understanding among the nations of Europe.

"There is still time to save the situation by returning to international cooperation, by closing the gap which has divided the peoples of the world," he went on.

The French Foreign Minister appealed to the European nations to display "calm and moderation" in dealing with the present international situation.

Sir Oliver Harvey, British Ambassador to France, declared that the policy of the Western Union is not an exclusive policy.

"It is not aimed against anyone," he declared.—Reuter.

Favourite Falls At Doncaster

Doncaster, Feb. 25. Lord Bicester's Roimond, who was made ante-post favourite for the Grand National Steeplechase in the first official callow yesterday, surprisingly fell in the Great Yorkshire Handicap Steeplechase, valued at £2,750 and run over three miles, here this afternoon.

The race was won by Major R. Stirling Stuart's Cool Customer, by Mr. Tools out of Never Worry, who, leading from start to finish, carried the topweight of 12 stones seven pounds to a six-lengths victory over the 25 to 1 outsider, Platypus, with a 100 to seven chance, and Russian Lynx, a further one and a half lengths away, third of 17 runners.

After Roimond, who started favourite at 5 to 1, fell at about half way, none of the other runners, looked like catching Cool Customer, who was second favourite at 4 to 1.—Reuter.

Readers' Letters

Slang. Sir—I would like to compliment your sports reporter "Grandstand" on the compilation of two columns of the most unintelligible balderdash I have yet had the doubtful pleasure of reading in the "China Mail". At no time during the commentary was the specific nature of the game being reported upon mentioned, and I am still at a loss to understand exactly what it was all about. Precisely my education is lacking in that I have not read enough of these 10-cent American magazines. Mention was made of one person who "had his hitting suit on, as he posted the onion." What that implies I would not know, but I would hazard a guess at something, a cross between prize-fighting and market gardening.

The whole article was reminiscent of the phraseology of the commonest American writer. Perhaps it is understood by these "spectacular beings" who "smack out zipper-dippers right into the beyond" but I feel that even they cannot help but chuckle at some of the peculiar idioms which emanate from the pen of this particular writer.

I suggest that any future articles be sensored and, if necessary, interpreted by one of your staff who can understand English, let it even be "basic." I presume that Hong Kong is still a British colony, so let us have less of this "pogon" Americanese, each on two successive days of this murder of the English language are a little too much to bear.

Before border is incited into blood, might I add that the ridicule of this game is intended, the complaints directed only at the players.

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Tanker Handed Over

The Lease-Lend T.A. tanker "Pioneer Valley" was formally handed over by Russia to the United States at 9 a.m. in Hong Kong yesterday, Mr. Joseph R. Besser, (Shanghai director of the U.S. Maritime Commission) receiving it on behalf of his country.

As reported in the "China Mail" yesterday, the "Pioneer Valley" will be operated by the American President Lines on behalf of the Maritime Commission, and a crew of 40 American merchant seamen, under Captain Edward E. Butler, has already arrived in the Colony to take her over.

Foreigners On Black Market Charges

Shanghai, Feb. 25. M. Matouk, a Syrian merchant, with an office in downtown Shanghai, and Natalia Yavovleva, a Russian woman, were among 10 persons arraigned before the District Court yesterday on a charge of engaging in black market transactions in gold and foreign currencies.

According to the prosecution's indictment, Matouk and Co., aside from the main business of import and export, is alleged to have engaged clandestinely in the transaction of foreign currencies and gold and to have received commission from this illegal business.

Matouk in court yesterday flatly denied the charge, saying his firm was engaged in import and export business and never had any dealings in gold even before the promulgation of the emergency economic regulations, banning such transactions.

All the accused were allowed bail when the case was adjourned.—Reuter.